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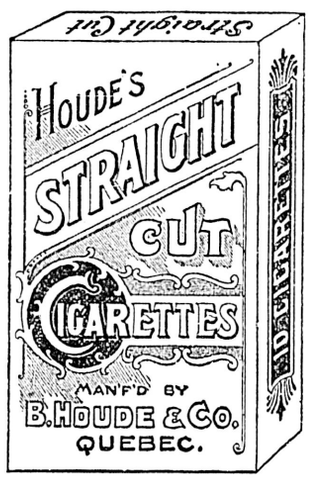

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PROSPECTIVE NEW JUDGE.

Several Applicants for County Court Service in Vancouver.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Feb. 1.—Chief Justice McColl announced yesterday that he would preside every Tuesday in county court chambers until a county court judge is appointed for Vancouver, which he thought would be very soon. It is learned that there are many applications for the position, among them Mr. J. A. Russell, Mr. Adolphus Williams and Mr. A. E. Beck.

THE CHINESE FURY.

Berlin, Jan. 31.—The Lokal Anzeiger reprints an alleged secret decree issued by the Empress Dowager of China to the governors of the provinces, exhorting them to strong measures against the foreigners and even to war. The language is very violent.

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Imperial Parliament

Discussion in the Commons Strengthens Position of the Ministers.

Liberal Leader's Tactical Blunder in Endorsing the Amendment.

Trial of Diplomacy and Buller's Move on Ladysmith Points of Campaign.

By Associated Press.

London, Feb. 1.—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Balfour, the government leader, said in answer to a question that while the military operations were proceeding, he could not answer any inquiries as to the slaughter of the Highlanders at Magersfontein.

Regarding the despatches of Major-General Sir William Francis Butler, who was in command of the British troops in South Africa until 1899, when he was relieved by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Frederick William Forestier-Walker, it being intimated that Gen. Butler's sympathies were in favor of the Boers, Mr. Balfour said there were no reasons to present them to the house. Gen. Butler's opinions on South African affairs were well known. The General had never suggested to the war office, either publicly or privately, that the number of troops should have been increased in South Africa. The house, Mr. Balfour said, would understand the impossibility of this.

Replying to questions relating to the letters of Mr. B. F. Hawksley, counsel for the British South Africa Company, and other letters published by the Correspondence Belge, the secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Chamberlain, admitted that those of which he had personal knowledge were published substantially correct. The letters had been, he added, stolen from Mr. Hawksley's office by a clerk, who was summarily dismissed in 1897. Mr. Chamberlain further declared that he was only aware of the existence of the letters a few days before they were published.

Sir Charles Dilke resumed the debate on Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice's amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne. He said he thought no one could deny that the net result of the conflict had been to kill the belief of the world in Great Britain's ability to conduct a war. The country's military reputation, he added, was never lower, and even now the government failed to grasp the seriousness of the war.

POINTS OF THE CAMPAIGN.

Mr. George Wyndham, parliamentary secretary for the war office, who followed, admitted that the war office had not been impregnable, but he argued that the government had done its best considering the limitations of the military system, and welcomed criticism, for the country would thus be enabled to turn to best account the tide of patriotism and the lessons of the war. If the government had done wrong, he continued, it had done it with right motives. The cardinal points in the campaign were, first, a desire to give diplomacy a chance; secondly, the decision of Gen. Buller to relieve Ladysmith. It must not be supposed that he criticized Gen. Buller's decision. Gen. Buller was on the spot and could doubtless explain his actions. It was easy to conceive other disasters which might have occurred along any line of advance. They might have had a universal rise of the Cape Dutch. Mr. Wyndham again deplored the amendment, which he asserted would be "misunderstood by the Continental critics, by our fellow-subjects in Natal, and by our kinsmen in America, who are watching the vicissitudes of the struggle." As regards the forces engaged, Mr. Wyndham said that exclusive of the Eighth Division and the Fourth Cavalry Brigade, Great Britain had 142,000 foot and artillery; 34,760 (?) cavalry, 36 siege guns, 38 naval guns, 36 howitzers, 58 guns of the horse artillery, and 238 field guns. The combined forces of the two republics were estimated in 1898 at 59,000. He would have to ask the house for large financial means in order that the war might be brought to the only possible conclusion, and that the system of home defence be put on a sound footing.

PATRIOTIC SUPPORT.

Sir Edward Grey, Liberal, said he recognized that the speech of Mr. Wyndham was one which gave greater strength to the government, and had done something to lift the gloom that had fallen on the country. "There are differences of opinion among the opposition," he continued, "but the amendment is not intended to cover these differences. We cannot withhold censure for what is past, but we are prepared to give the government our support in the future, and prepare to help in prosecuting the war to the end. The dominating object of the government's policy is equality of right between the white races in South Africa, and next in point of importance, to see that never again shall it be possible for a vast arsenal to be formed there under other control than Great Britain's. To that end the government shall have our support." There was no thought that the government had provoked unjust war; but it was certainly the speeches of the ministers that occasioned the amendment. He was proceeding with detailed criticisms of the management of the war and was referring to the occupation of Dundee when Mr. Wyndham, interrupting him, said:

"The advances on Dundee and Glencoe were made entirely on the initiative of the late Gen. Symons. The military authorities were not consulted. The government first learned the news from the newspapers."

In conclusion, Sir Edward Grey repeated his assertion that he would be glad to give the government his help and confidence, if he could feel assured that they would "adopt adequate measures to bring the war to a successful issue and to protect the country against any complications that might arise."

The debate was then adjourned.

BUTLER'S RETIREMENT.

London, Feb. 1.—In the House of Lords to-day the secretay of state for war, the Marquis of Lansdowne, said he desired to formally announce that General Sir William Francis Butler resigned command of the British forces in South Africa because of political divergence of opinion with Sir Alfred Milner, the British High Commissioner and Governor of Cape Colony, which was so great that he concluded his command of the forces in South Africa would become a source of embarrassment to the High Commissioner.

BANNERMAN'S BLUNDER.

London, Feb. 1.—The gossip in the lobbies to-night indicates a belief that Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman's support of the amendment to the address has landed him in a tight place. The amendment, as a party move to unite all sections of liberals has failed. It has only resulted in rallying the supporters of the government who has been considerably embarrassed by criticisms even on their own side. Moreover, the followers of Lord Rosebery will probably support the government. As the Irish members will abstain from voting, the ultimate majority will probabley be even larger than usual.

It is felt that the Liberals have been trying to make capital out of the crisis, an attempt which is utterly out of touch with the real feeling of the country.

Anxious About Delagoa Bay

Boer Mission to Continental Capitals to Head Off Seizure by British.

German General Issues a Formidable Instruction to the Republics.

Berlin, Feb. 1.—It is strongly rumored in parliamentary circles that the chief political object of Dr. Leyds in visiting Paris, Berlin and St. Petersburg is to induce France, Germany and Russia to intervene if Great Britain should attempt to seize Delagoa Bay.

The correspondent of the Associated Press learns that Count von Buelow, the foreign secretary, has thus far refused to give a definite promise. There have been daily conferences between the Emperor and Count von Buelow on the subject.

German colonial circles and the German government itself regard the war as distinctly unfavorable to Germany's interests in South Africa. No matter how it may end, Germany will acquire uncomfortable neighbors, either fanatical Boers or presumptuous British. More than this, the feeling is that in German Southwest Africa, where the Boer element is strong but slumbering, a formidable Boer movement is bound to be awakened. Germany, therefore, would like peace under conditions that would leave both belligerents weakened.

Gen. von Schweling in the Lokal Anzeiger says: "The Boers will and must continue the fight until the military bankruptcy of the English is accomplished."

INCIDENTS OF SPION KOP.

Artillery and Engineers to Strengthen the Position Met by the Returning Troops.

London, Feb. 1.—Accounts of the battle of Spion Kop continue to filter in. All testify to the terrific Boer fire. Several estimates are that the total losses of Gen. Buller's turning movement will amount to something approximating 1,500.

When reinforcements arrived the troops were much cramped on the top of Spion Kop. Preparations were made below to secure the position. Guns were on the way, and engineers had been ordered up to strengthen the entrenchments. Col. Thornycroft was not aware of this when he ordered the retirement, and he actually met the artillery coming up.

Gen. Woodgate was wounded about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Even then he protested that he was all right and had to be held down on the stretcher.

It is reported that the Boer commander at first insisted on the release of some Boer prisoners before he could permit the English to collect their wounded.

A curious incident is related of the fighting on January 24. One of the Lancashires while firing from a prone position had his head taken clean off by a shell. To the amazement of his comrades, the headless trunk quietly rose, stood upright a few seconds, and then fell.

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Churchill's Inspiration

Suggestion That He Voices Gen. Buller's Demand for Another Division.

Boers' Superior Mobility Calls for Direct Attack by Overpowering Force.

British Army in Africa in Every Way Creditable to the War Office.

By Associated Press.

London, Feb. 1.—Mr. Spencer Wilkinson in the Morning Post to-day discusses a long despatch from Winston Churchill, dated at Pietermaritzburg and describing the situation in Natal. He says:

"This despatch deserves to be closely read. It is an appeal to the public at home, and as it has been passed by the censor, may be taken to represent the feeling of Gen. Buller's army. Mr. Churchill represents the difficulties of Gen. Buller's task in concise terms.

"The enemy will act with common sense. They will place outposts on the hills and keep back their main body until they see the decision of Gen. Buller's movement. Then they will quickly bring up the main body and extemporize what defensive works they can in addition to such as they have profusely prepared in anticipation of various possible advances.

"That is what everyone would expect them to do and that their main body can ride faster than Gen. Buller's main body can walk is also pretty generally understood. The consequence is that the Boer army cannot be turned. Wherever it is attacked it can cut an entrenched front. According to Mr. Churchill there are 7,000 Boers watching Ladysmith, the same number held ready to resist Gen. Buller, and 5,000 kept in reserve to reinforce either body at need.

"Thus Gen. Buller has to attack 12,000 men entrenched on favorable ground. For that purpose Mr. Churchill thinks he ought to have 35,000 men instead of 25,000. In other words, Gen. Buller ought to have another division. This opinion coincides with the view we have all along expressed that the centre of gravity of the war lies in Natal, and that a British victory there would be decisive, while a complete British defeat in Natal would have disastrous consequences not to be estimated.

"It seems difficult in view of the strategy accepted at the war office as well as at Capetown to believe that Gen. Buller is to be allowed once more to attack a position with less than the numerically superiority of 3 to 1, which tacticians commonly think necessary for such a task. It is hardly intelligible that he should attack again without being reinforced.

"Apparently, however, a third attempt will be made without loss of time. Indeed, it seems probable that the movement is now in progress. We must hope that the splendid bravery of our men will be rewarded."

Mr. Churchill says that "the public must nerve themselves." He probably means "Prepare our countrymen at home for heavy losses in the coming battle."

Mr. Winston Churchill's despatch from Pietermartizburg in addition to details respecting the position on the Tugela, gives a most interesting survey of the general position. He says: "The most serious attacks upon the war office appear unjust. The great army in South Africa is of the finest quality, beautifully organized and equipped in all details, and with excellent artillery. The Boer guns are few but splendid, and are cleverly handled. The Boers can find the range of moving targets at 7,000 yards often at the first shot of our guns. We cannot explain how."

In an interesting comparison during the battle of Spion Kop showing how the British troops were "cramped, mixed and disorganized" and how the "machinery of control was shattered," he says: "This would not have affected the Boers, each of whom in pursuance of a general resolve whether to hold or to evacuate a position, would have acted individually and quite independently of officers' orders. It was a case of a pack of hounds against a flock of sheep, but the next morning the British battalions were again collected and solid, showing the advantage of discipline. A similar loss would have disheartened the Boers, and have caused a general trek.

"Herein lies our expectation of ultimate success. The British have great recuperative powers. The Boers have none. The war therefore is brought nearer an end by unsatisfactory operations." Mr. Churchill anticipated that the consequences of the war will not be altogether evil, "as there will be a great increase of respect between the combatants, and contempt, the former wedge of cleavage, will be gone forever."

With army officers Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey is a very popular drink.

Session Opens At Ottawa.

Address Stands Over to Monday Pending Submission of Correspondence.

Conservatives Jubilate About Manitoba—Still no Reply to This Province.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—The opening of parliament to-day was a brilliant function, the Senate chambers containing the biggest crowd on record. Messrs. Casgrain and Burpee, were introduced in the Senate, and Gould, Geoffrion, Bourassa and Flarchambault in the Commons. The re-appearance of the bolter Bourassa being greeted with laughter from the opposition benches.

The speech will be considered on Monday in both houses. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has promised to table all correspondence with the British government in reference to the contingent.

Senator Macdonald, and Messrs. McInnes, and Maxwell, for British Columbia have arrived. McInnes again gives notice of a resolution with the favor of an establishment of a Dominion mint, also a bill to amend the franchise act.

Sir Charles Tupper had a magnificent reception from his followers in the Commons. Some one inquired what about Manitoba? A great shout of triumph following.

The government will ask an appropriation to revise and consolidate the Dominion statutes. The last revision was in 1886.

There are no new developments with the British Columbia contingent, Dr. Borden still awaiting a reply from the war office.

Winnipeg, Feb. 1.—Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper reached here to-day en route to Ottawa.

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Another Move By Buller

London Has Unconfirmed Report That He Fights Way to Ladysmith.

The Sickness in Besieged Town --Another Big Gun for Bombardment.

By Associated Press.

London, Feb. 2.—The Daily Telegraph publishes the following despatch from Spearman's Camp, dated Jan. 30:

"Col. Wynne has taken command of Gen. Woodgate's brigade. Col. Miles has been appointed chief of Gen. Buller's staff.

"The Boers are still constructing defensive works opposite Potgeiter's Drift.

"A strong cavalry reconnaissance proceeded to-day westward in the vicinity of Honger's Spruit."

Spearman's Camp, Tuesday, Jan. 30.—Lord Dundonald's reconnaissance in the direction of Honger's Spruit found the road clear. The enemy was not seen.

THE LADYSMITH ASSAULT.

New York, Feb. 1.—Advices from Spearman's Camp say that Gen. Warren's retreating force crossed the Tugela without the loss of a single man, but got away none too soon, a Boer 15-pounder firing at the cavalry column as it was retiring.

The Boers are mounting another big gun to fire on Ladysmith.

Hoof Laager, Ladysmith, Jan. 30.—All is quiet here. Long Tom occasionally fires on Ladysmith. The deaths in Ladysmith from fever and other causes must be enormous, as we can clearly see them burying corpses daily.

Gen. Joubert went to the Upper Tugela yesterday.

IS BULLER FIGHTING?

London, Feb. 1.—The St. James' Gazette says it is reported on good authority that Gen. Buller has crossed the Tugela river at three places, and that fighting has been proceeding all day long.

The war office has no news of Gen. Buller's alleged movements as thus reported, but the paper says it has no reason to doubt the correctness of its information, although it has not yet learned the exact positions Gen. Buller has seized.

Spearman's Camp, Natal, Jan. 30.—There is an optimistic feeling in all ranks. The troops are confident of ultimately succeeding. Great enthusiasm was aroused by the Queen's message and Gen. Buller's speech expressing admiration for Gen. Warren's and Gen. Clery's divisions, and hoping they would reach Ladysmith within a week.

London, Feb. 1.—Mr. Winston Churchill, in a despatch to the Morning Post, describing the re-crossing of the Tugela says: "The army is exasperated, not defeated. General Buller will persevere and all will come right in the end."

HOW ABOUT JOUBERT?

Natives Insist That He Is Dead but Other Reports Detail His Movements.

London, Feb. 1.—The Capetown correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, telegraphing January 29, says: "Gen. Joubert's wife accompanies him everywhere, and insists on personally providing for his table."

Spearman's Camp, Jan. 30.—The natives persist in asserting that Gen. Joubert was killed by a shell outside of Ladysmith.

EUROPEANS WITH BOERS.

Hanoverian Officer Says There Are Ten Thousand Trained Soldiers—The Heights Like Sedan.

London, Feb. 1.—A letter appears today from a Hanoverian officer, formerly of the 2nd German Infantry, but now among the military advisers of the Boers, which says that nearly 10,000 trained European soldiers, including quite 300 officers, are among the Boers.

Referring to the military situation at Ladysmith, the officer says: "Owing to the strength of our position on a circle of heights like Sedan, we cannot be brushed aside except by a relief column outnumbering us by two to one."

THE DEFENCE OF NATAL.

Four Thousand Men Was the Estimate of the Total Required for Security.

London, Feb. 1.—A blue book has been published containing a quantity of correspondence relating to the defence of Natal. It contains urgent letters and telegrams from the Natal government from dates as early as May last, up to the outbreak of hostilities, asking reinforcements.

On August 3, Mr. Chamberlain wired: "Arrangements to send 2,000 troops are in progress." The Natal ministry grew alarmed and on September 6 implored the Imperial government to avoid a rupture until further reinforcements had arrived. Five thousand seven hundred men were ordered from India.

The correspondence shows that Sir William Penn Symons thought 4,000 men would be enough to secure the integrity of Natal and this view was apparently concurred in by the Natal authorities.

TAUNTING THE GOVERNMENT.

Military Critic Says Proper Leadership Is One Thing Lacking in British Army.

London, Feb. 1.—Mr. Spencer Wilkinson in the Morning Post to-day describing the military situation, takes it for granted that General Buller intends to make another attempt to relieve Ladysmith. He seizes the occasion to express the greatest admiration for the dauntless spirit of the British army and a regret that the main thing is lacking, namely, proper leadership. He says:

"The whole manhood of the nation is moved by the same spirit that stirs the troops on the Tugela. Cannot the government pluck up heart to lead like men a nation of men, to drop the past and to plan on a proper scale, arming the Empire for whatever struggle may be in store."

BOER TURPITUDE.

Col. Thornycroft Lured by a Flag of Truce and Fired Upon.

London, Feb. 1.— A despatch to the Times from Pietermaritzburg dated Sunday last, says: "Col. Thornycroft had a narrow escape last week. He went to meet a Boer flag of truce, which asked a parley, but, having become suspicious, he told the Boer commandant that he would not parley. Both retired and the Boers fired a volley, the colonel only escaping in consequence of their bad shooting.

AFRIKANDERS BACKED OUT.

Boers Expected Fully Fifty Thousand to Join Them in the War.

London, Feb. 1.—The Capetown correspondent of the Daily News says evidence is accumulating that something beyond a tacit understanding existed between the Boer executives and the inner circle of the Afrikander Bund concerning what should follow the ripening rebellion at the outbreak of the war. Fully 5,000 colonial Dutchmen have joined the enemy. The Boers, however, believed that this number would be multiplied ten-fold. Consequently the Afrikander Bund is now execrated at Pretoria and Bloemfontein.

TO FLOOD LADYSMITH.

Boers to Try New Plan Since the Bombardment Is Not Effective.

London, Feb. 1.—The correspondent of the Times at Lorenzo Marques telegraphing yesterday, says: "Information has been received here from the Transvaal that the war department convinced that it would be useless to storm Ladysmith, and that the bombardment will continue ineffective, has decided on a change of tactics. Huge quantities of timber and sand bags and hundreds of Kaffirs have been sent from Johannesburg and Pretoria for the purpose of damming the Kilp river, some miles below Ladysmith, the idea is to flood the town and drive the soldiers and inhabitants out of the bomb proof caves so as to expose them to shell fire."

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MERCENARIES' ILL LUCK.

Boer Agent Explains the Heavy Losses of German and Other Volunteers.

Berlin, Jan 31.—Dr. Leyds, in the course of conversation to-day, says: "The heavy losses the Germans have sustained in the Transvaal service are due to their rashly exposing themselves, but they have now adopted the tactics required by the topography of the land. Recently, German, Dutch and Scandinavian volunteers have merged in Boer regiments so that such losses in the future will be impossible."

BULLER'S CASUALTIES.

London, Jan. 31.—The war office has issued an additional casualty list of the battle of Spion Kop January 24, and of the engagements at Venter's Spruit, January 17 and 30. The additional list numbers 139 men killed, 391 wounded and 63 missing, a total of 593. With 174 additional casualties given for the fighting at Venter's Spruit; the total loss since the beginning of the war is placed at 9,658 men.

London, Feb. 1.—The war office completes this evening the list of the British casualties at Spion Kop, announcing the names of 215 missing men of various regiments, including 137 members of the Lancashire Fusiliers.

MAFEKING DOING WELL.

Garrison Drive Back Besieging Force and Secure New Pasture For Cattle.

Bulluwayo, Saturday, Jan. 20.—A message from Col. Plumer, who was at Gaberones with the Mafeking relief force, says he has received a message from Col. Baden-Powell dated Mafeking, January 17, saying: "All well. During the past fortnight we have been pushing the trenches towards the enemy's big guns.

"On January 16 their 94-pounder and high velocity Krupp evacuated their positions and retired eastward of the town, whence they are capable of doing little damage. We have thus pushed the enemy on three sides well out of rifle shots and have opened new grazing grounds for cattle.

"The enemy has still two strong positions on the east side which we hope to shift with the dynamite."

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LOCAL NEWS.

Annual Meeting.—The annual general meeting of shareholders of the James Bay Athletic Association will take place at the club house on Tuesday evening.

Annual Dance.—The annual dance under the auspices of the Companions of the Forest, A. O. F., will be held next Friday evening in the A. O. U. W. hall.

Another Building.—Mr. John Hepburn has purchased the lot on Johnson street opposite Oriental alley, on which an old blacksmith shop stands. The lot has a frontage of 60 feet and depth of 120 feet. The price paid was $8,000. A modern brick building will replace the wooden shack.

The Alpha Improvements.—The alterations and improvements to the steamship Alpha have about been completed. Messrs. Muirhead & Mann, the contractors for the deck-house and cabin additions, have completed the work in their hands, and little remains to be done outside of painting and decorating.

Basket Ball.—The following team has been chosen to represent the J. B. A. A. basket ball team in their match against the Victoria West team on Saturday evening: M. Finlaison, back; W. Lorimer and E. Burnes, half-backs; F. Smith, centre; W. Stephen, H. Galbraith and C. McNeill, forwards.

The Mansion House Fund.—The various fraternal organizations in the city have decided to appropriate a sum of money for the Mansion House fund. At the meeting of No. 4 Lodge, I. O. O. F., held last evening, the question of an appropriation was taken up and the consensus of opinion was that an appropriation should be made for the purpose named. The matter will be fully decided at the next meeting.

Gymnastic Instruction.—There was a good attendance at the Drill hall last night for gymnasium instruction. About one hundred men are taking up the courses, and the classes in boxing, fencing, wrestling and gymnasium work are advancing rapidly. Mr. Thompson, of H. M. S. Leander, has charge of the fencing class, and Mr. Clarke instructs the gymnasium class. The boxing class is under the charge of R. Foster, the well-known trainer, and wrestling is taught by Mr. Peden.

The Eagles.—The Fraternal Order of Eagles held their third social concert and dance last evening in the A. O. U. W. hall. It was attended by about 75 couples, and everyone present was well satisfied with the entertainment provided. The Bantly orchestra provided the music for the dancers, who kept up until 2 a. m. Similar events are arranged to take place on the last Wednesday in each month during the winter, for the purpose of bringing the members, their wives and friends socially together. The F. O. E. lodge now has close on 200 members.

Annual Meeting.—The twelfth annual meeting of the Victoria Building Society was held in the Sir William Wallace hall on Wednesday evening. The directors', auditors' and secretary's reports dere read and adopted. The election of officers then took place, resulting in the return of the old board, consisting of the following: W. W. Northcott, R. Erskine, J. F. Fell, C. D. Mason, G. W. Anderson, Alex. Stewart and Geo. A. Carleton. A. St. G. Flint was re-elected secretary and J. E. Church and W. Scowcroft auditors. After the election the 77th drawing for an appropriation took place and resulted as follows: No. 126 A, B and D, withdrawn; 126 C, Richard P. Dowdall; 121 A, C and D, withdrawn; 121 B, W. W. Northcott; 131 A B and C, withdrawn; 131 D, Mrs. Jane Brown; 146 A and B, Walter Anderson; 146 C and D, Mrs. Frances Robertson. After the adjournment of the regular meeting the directors met and elected W. W. Northcott president, R. Erskine vice-president, Fell & Gregory solicitors, and John Taylor surveyor.

ALEXANDER DUNSMUIR DEAD.

Died in New York Where he Went in Search of Health.

A brief telegram received yesterday morning contained news of the death on Wednesday night in New York of Alexander Dunsmuir, second son of the late Hon. Robert Dunsmuir, and a member of the firm of R. Dunsmuir & Sons. The deceased had been ill for some time and went east for the benefit of his health. Last week a dispatch was received stating that his life was despaired of and his brother, Mr. James Dunsmuir, M. P. P. prepared to leave for New York. A second dispatch however, stated that he was better but he suffered a relapse and word being received of this Mr. Dunsmuir started for the east on Tuesday. Alexander Dunsmuir had been a sufferer for some time and a couple of years ago took a trip around the world in the hope that it would benefit his health. He returned to his home in Oakland, Cal., where he has resided a greater part of the time, much improved in health.

The deceased was president of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway company, but devoted his attention more particularly to the firm's coal business in California, where he has resided for a number of years. He was born in Nanaimo on July 16, 1853. His marriage to Mrs. Josephine Wallace, better known to the reading public as Juliet Wilbar Tompkins, was recently announced.

It is not yet known where the interment will take place, this probably being decided upon when Mr. James Dunsmuir arrives in New York.

FOR WIDOW AND ORPHANS.

Subscriptions Received in aid of Mrs. R. Wilson and Children.

There has been a considerable addition during the last few days to the fund for the benefit of Mrs. Richard Wilson and children. The list at the Colonist office is as follows:

Previously acknowledged	$53 35
Mrs. H. W. Murray	1 00
Ald. Beckwith	5 00
Mrs. Kosche	1 00
Friend	1 00
G. W. Brewster	1 00
W. N.	1 00
Mrs. McGill	1 00
Anonymous	2 50
H. B.	2 50
Mrs. R. H. Brown	2 00
H. N.	1 00
S. J. D., Vancouver	5 00
E. S.	1 00
N. D. J.	1 00
A Friend	50
J. M. L.	2 00
Mrs. M. Saunders	2 00
Total	$81 85

MANY A LOVER.

Has turned with disgust from an otherwise lovable girl with an offensive breath. Karl's Clover Root Tea purifies the breath by its action on the bowels, etc., as nothing else will. Sold for years on absolute guarantee. Price 25 cts and 50 cts. All druggists.

THE "H. P." DANCE.

The Benedicts Entertain Their Friends at a Fashionable Function in the A. O. U. W. Hall.

The first "H.P." dance in the A.O.U.W. Hall on Wednesday evening, a lengthy notice of which was impossible in yesterday's issue, was one of the jolliest reunions that has taken place in this city for some time. At least this was the verdict of the Entre Nous club, to whom the dance was given by their former guests. The hall was handsomely decorated and the music supplied by the Driscoll orchestra, was such as is seldom heard in a ball room in Victoria and included many of the latest popular coon songs, which as dance mucis were played in a manner that was simply perfect. About one hundred and twenty-five couples were present and nearly all danced through the entire programe. At midnight supper was served in the adjoining building—nor was this simply the supper which is made to duty as such at most dances of this kind. The tables had been elaborately decorated by the ladies of the supper committee, who under the direction of Mrs. Chas. Hayward, had undertaken to make this part of the entertainer's duty a grand success, and in this they were most successful. Large mirrors let into the tables at intervals reflected the play of colors from the draped electric lights and duplicated as it were the pretty centre pieces which were given places at intervals about the festive board. The ladies of the committee were Mrs. Chas. Hayward, Mrs. M. Guttman, Mrs. W. H. Bone, Mrs. Harold Fleming, Mrs. Chas. Gardiner, Mrs. Seelig, Mrs. Challoner, Mrs. W. Runnells, Mrs. W. Ditchburn and Mrs. W. Dean, and to them and the ladies who contributed so lavishly to the supplying and adornment of the tables the thanks of the gentlemen organizers of the dance are extended.

In announcing the supper, the president, Alderman J. Stuart Yates, jocosely intimated that as the guesses as to what "H.P." was supposed to signify were so "H.P." was supposed to signify were numerous and all equally incorrect he would offer, on behalf of the general committee, a free trip to Paris to the gentleman during the evening making the correct guess, or a silk dress to the lady who would prove herself equally clever—the dress to be worn for the first time at the Native Son's ball to be given on the 8th. It is needless to say that neither prize was won.

The programme of dances was brought to an end about 3 a.m. by a so-called Comus waltz entitled "Hen Peck," which on being played brought out the ever beautiful notes of that grand old song, "Home Sweet Home."

THE B. C. CONTINGENT.

Ministers Still Waiting to Hear From Ottawa—Local Interest and Impatience.

Premier Semlin, seen by a Colonist representative last evening, said he had no further information from that already published in regard to the British Columbia contingent. The government has made no provision for speedy recruiting, though it is not anticipated that much delay would occur in getting the required number enrolled, once orders to enlist are received from Ottawa.

In this connection His Worship Mayor Hayward has received the following letter, which is self-explanatory:

"Dear Sir,—In reference to the offer of the city of Victoria to furnish fifty mounted men for the British Columbia contingent for service in South Africa, I undertake to contribute the amount necessary for the equipment of one man. I understand the cost is about $250 per man.

"I am, dear sir, yours respectfully,
"GEO. JEEVES."

NORTHERN CAPE COLONY

Sterkstroom, Cape Colony, Feb. 1.—A runner who has arrived here brought a letter from Aliwal North, in which it is announced that the Boers have reopened the line to Burghersdorp, as their supplies were short at Stormberg. The plains being bare, the camp of the burghers, it is added, has been moved back of Stormberg Heights, which are still held.

WARMER CLOTHING.

London, Feb. 1.—Owing to the discovery that cotton khaki is insufficient protection for troops sleeping in the South African plains, the government is starting to re-clothe the forces in the field with woollen khaki.

CANADIAN ON ROBERTS' STAFF.

Royal Infantry Officer With First Contingent Honored With Appointment.

Toronto, Feb. 1.—A Globe cable from Belmont, Cape Colony, says Major Septimus J. A. Denison has been appointed aide-de-camp on the personal staff of Gen. Lord Roberts, and will be representative of the first Canadian contingent.

THE ROAD TO KIMBERLEY.

British Force With Artillery Reported in Occupation of Prieska.

Capetown, Jan. 31.—A British force, with artillery, is reported to have occupied Prieska, and is now encamped there.

Prieska is on the Orange River, one hundred miles below Orange River Station, and West of Kimberley.

HOSPITAL SERVICE GOOD.

Capetown, Jan. 31.—Field Marshal Lord Roberts authorizes the representative of the American Press to say as a result of his inspection of the hospital service here that he is perfectly satisfied that everything medical skill can devise for the benefit and comfort of the sick and wounded has been done. He is satisfied that the home authorities are sending out all the nurses who will possibly be required.

ENGINEERS IN CONVENTION.

Montreal, Jan. 31.—Seventy members of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers left here this evening by a special train on the Grand Trunk and Central Vermont railways, for Boston, where the annual convention, which opened to-day, will be continued on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, inspecting various engineering works in and about Boston.

THE EXPELLED MORMON.

Washington, Jan. 31.—E. H. Roberts of Utah, who was recently excluded from membership in the house has made a formal demand on the sergeant-at-arms for his salary and mileage, amounting in all to about $2,000. The sergeant-at-arms declined to accept service of the papers.

QUEENSBERRY'S DECEASE.

London, Jan. 31.—The Marquis of Queensberry who was born July 20, 1844, and succeeded to the title in 1858, is dead.

MISCELLANEOUS.

RAYMOND—Grand Spiritual Seance tonight; if you are skeptic come and be convinced. 90 Douglas street. f2

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—A "Birthday Social" will be held in the Temperance Hall, Pandora street, in aid of the church building fund, on Friday evening, the 2nd inst., at 8 o'clock. Refreshments and a good programme, in which some of the leading talent of the city will take part. Admission according to age. Everybody invited. f2

DON'T FAIL TO ATTEND the class dance at the Alcazar to-night. Miss Telfer will introduce a new dance, the American Minuet. Lesson s given every Monday night. f2

SHORTHAND SCHOOL—15 Broad street. Individual instruction in shorthand, typewriting, book-keeping. ja25

G. B. PARRY, Watch Maker, 23 Broad St., removed to 104 Fort St. ja24

LOST OR FOUND.

LOST—A small French poodle dog; all white, with the exception of yellow spot on its back, and close cropped hair. Finder will be rewarded by returning same to 19 Courtney street. ja31

LOST—A bunch of keys on chain ring. Finder will confer a favor by returning to this office. ja10

THE OLD ORIGINAL
BRUNSWICK HOTEL
Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.

This hotel is now under new management. All the rooms have been newly furnished, making the Brunswick one of the most comfortable hotels in the city. It contains 100 rooms, with all modern conveniences, lighted with electricity, centrally located, close to the Victoria theatre. Cars pass the doors every few minutes to all parts. Rates very moderate.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all who sympathized and assisted me in my late bereavement.

WALTER PORTER.

A PRIVATE SCHOOL
To be opened in
VICTORIA WEST, ON FEB. 12TH.
For further particulars apply to Post Office, Russells Station.

NOVA SCOTIANS NEED IT.

They should read the Halifax "CHRONICLE" to keep themselves informed on Eastern affairs.
There are many thousands of Provincialists settled in Western Canada and the Western States, who should be receiving a first-class Halifax Newspaper like the "WEEKLY CHRONICLE" and NOVA SCOTIAN in order to keep themselves well informed on the affairs of their native land.
The "WEEKLY CHRONICLE" is sent to weekly newspaper published in the Maritime Provinces ,as well as the cheapest in price.
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Its contents are of absorbing interest to people from the Lower Provinces, who have settled far from home.
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6 PER CENT. DEBENTURES,
SECOND ANNUAL DRAWING

The following are the numbers of the debentures drawn for repayment at par on and after the first day of March next. Interest thereon ceases on the 1st day of March next. Sixty debentures numbers:

9	93	198	331	442	517
15	96	200	354	463	541
22	149	219	357	465	553
34	162	245	361	469	559
39	171	250	380	471	563
48	174	274	402	474	566
53	177	285	416	482	582
71	183	307	419	496	585
74	186	311	428	502	599
88	195	329	438	509	600

Sixty debentures at $500 each, $30,000.
The above mentioned debentures will be paid on and after the 1st day of March next on presentation at the Bank of British Columbia, Victoria, B.C.
J. H. LAWSON, Secretary.
Countersigned,
J. KENNETH MACRAE,
Victoria, B.C., Notary Public.
Victoria, B.C., 1st February, 1900.

To the Public of Victoria.

In view of the possible introduction of smallpox from the neighboring state of Washington, the Provincial Government has in contemplation the putting into force of "The Regulations of the Provincial Board of Health re Smallpox."

These "Regulations" give the Local Board of Health power to compel all persons who have not been vaccinated within the last 7 years to be vaccinated. In the opinion of the Local Board, the present circumstances do not indicate the enforcing of "compulsory vaccination," but for the purpose of safeguarding the public health the Board would earnestly advise all persons to whom these "Regulations" would apply to be at once vaccinated.

Any one unable to pay will be vaccinated free by any physician in Victoria. A supply of pure fresh bovine vaccine is now in the hands of all the physicians in the city.

I have the honor to be, etc.,
R. L. FRASER, M.D.,
Medical Health Officer.
Victoria, B.C., Jan. 31, 1900.

RAGS WANTED.
3 cts. per lb.
Will be paid for CLEAN COTTON RAGS at THIS OFFICE.

PROPERTY FOR SALE.

List of Properties by B. C. LAND & INVESTMENT AGENCY.

KINGSTON ST. Two-storey dwelling and lot 60x120, James Bay, for $1900. $300 cash, balance at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St. n11

CHATHAM ST. Cottage and double front lot, $1000. $100 cash and balance on time. This is cheaper than paying rent. Apply 40 Government St. n11

PARRY ST. James Bay. Four two-story dwellings, always let, producing $25 per month. Open to offer. Apply 40 Government St. n11

DALLAS ROAD AND MONTREAL ST. Bungalow and small two-storey house in rear, $2500. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

FORT ST. Two-story dwelling, lot 60x120, well situated, $2500. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

COOK ST. AND KINGS ROAD. Lots $250 to $400, small monthly payments, no interest. Fine chance to procure a home. Apply 40 Government St. n11

M'CLURE STREET. 5-roomed cottage and lot 72x120 for $1600. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

COLLINSON ST. Running through to Beechy st., ½ lot. 5-roomed cottage $900. $200 cash, balance on time. Apply 40 Government St. n11

RITHET ST. Lot 45x130 and 5-roomed bungalow for $1400. $200 cash and balance on time. Apply 40 Government St. n11

FOURTH ST. 2½ acres. Has been under cultivation. Price $2000. $250 down, balance on time, with interest at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St. n11

WILKINSON RD. 12 acres, dwelling, barns, etc., all under cultivation, $3000. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

DENMAN ISLAND—160 acres containing evidence of coal. $750; terms, apply 40 Government street. n22

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BROAD AND PANDORA STS. Lot 60x120 open to offer on easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

NIAGARA ST. 1½-acre lot and two-story dwelling, $1500. Exceptionally easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

CADBORO BAY ROAD. 3½ acres, near Exhibition Buildings, $1050. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

ST. LOUIS ST. House and lot open to offer. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

RICHARDSON ST. Full lot and seven-roomed cottage, $2000. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

HARRISON ST. Lot and nice cottage, $1750. $250 cash and balance at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St. n11

GOVERNMENT AND JOHN STREETS—Two lots; fine 2-storey dwelling; large new barn; cheap at $2,750; easy terms, Apply 40 Government street. n28

STRAWBERRY VALE. 42½ acres all fenced, 4 miles from city; principal portion under cultivation. Dwelling, barns, etc. $5000. $500 down, balance on time, interest 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St. n11

FORT AND VIEW STS. Four lots, either together or single, open to offer on easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

GOVERNMENT ST. Cor. Pembrook St. Two lots open to offer, sale or lease, on easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

HUMBOLDT STREET. One lot, with water front, open to offer, sale or lease. Apply 40 Government St. n11

THE ARM. 1½ acres cleared, water front, fine site for bungalow; electric light, and water pipes running past premises. Whole amount of purchase money may remain on mortgage at 6 per cent. $3000. Apply 40 Government St. n11

SOMENOS DIST. 160 acres. Two miles from Station, $600. Terms, if necessary. Apply 40 Government St. n11

SAHTLAM DIST. 160 acres, near Duncans, 30 acres cleared. Trunk road and never-failing stream runs through property. $1000. Terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

NORTH SAANICH. 350 acres. 70 acres under cultivation. Good soil, near sea. Strong evidence of coal on this land; $8000. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

ESQUIMALT DISTRICT—Near Lagoon half mile from sea. 100 acres for $500. This is extremely cheap. Apply 40 Government street. n11

QUAMICHAN DIST. 220 acres. Three miles from Duncans Station. Good soil. Stream of water on this property. Suitable for milk ranch or fruit farm. Apply 40 Government St. n11

SOOKE. 317 acres; 80 acres under crop, fenced. Fine buildings. $15000. One of the best farms on the Island. Apply 40 Government St. n11

JORDAN MEADOWS. Fine farm, well stocked, for sale or lease. Terms on application at 40 Government St. n11

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ROSS BAY. 10 acres cleared, ready for cultivation; sea frontage. Open to offer. Apply 40 Government St. n11

ESQUIMALT ROAD. 2½ acres cleared and fenced, corner. $3500. Subdivided into town lots, this should sell well. Apply 40 Government St. n11

GORGE ROAD. Four acres and two-story dwelling with all modern conveniences. Fine view. Very suitable home. $12500. Terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

OUTER WHARF. Three lots, with water frontage. Good location for factory or ship yard. $5500. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

JOHNSON STREET. Below Government, three-storey brick with basement, lot 60x120, easy terms. Price $40,000. All let. Apply 40 Government St.

COR. MENZIES AND NIAGARA STS. One acre, $3500. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

$1000. Cash and Twelve annual payments of $500 each, interest at 6 per cent. per annum, will purchase a full lot on principal street with three-storey building, modern conveniences, well adapted for private lodging house. Apply 40 Government St.

$250. Cash and Eight annual payments of $250 each (with interest at 6 per cent.) will buy a dwelling and two lots on Bayn Street. Apply 40 Government St.

LADNERS LANDING—60 acres underdrained and cultivated; two-storey dwelling, barns, orchard, etc.; price $9,000. Finest soil in the province, easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. d5

GOVERNMENT AND BAY STREETS—Store and dwelling; fine site for family grocer. Open to offer; easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. no15

COR. LANGLEY & BROUGHTON STS.—Two lots, $10,000. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

JOHNSON STREET—Above Douglas, lot 60x120, three-storey brick and basement 60x100, well located for Factory of any kind, only $10,000. Exceptionally easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

CHATHAM ST. Near Cook Street. Lot 60x120. Cottage, 6 rooms, $1,100. Exceptionally easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

PROPERTY FOR SALE.

OAK BAY AVENUE. Just below Rockland Avenue. Four lots, $1,200, your own terms. Apply 40 Government St.

2½ ACRES. Near Jubilee Hospital, all cleared ready for plough. $1,500. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

$250 CASH and Five annual installments of $500 (with interest at 6 per cent.) will buy two-storey house, with all modern conveniences, and lot 60x100 near Christ church. Apply 40 Government St.

COR. FORT AND VANCOUVER STS. Cottage and Two lots. $6,000, terms. Apply 40 Government St.

COR. YATES AND COOK STS. Two-storey dwelling, $3,500. $500 cash and balance at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St.

OAK BAY. Cottage and eight lots; high ground, facing the sea. Price $2,100; easy terms; monthly payments. Apply 40 Government St. n28

ROCKLAND AVENUE. Fine two-storey residence, one acre land, grand view, $6,500. Terms. Apply 40 Government St. ja 18

BELCHER AVENUE. Handsome modern house, sewer, electric light, hot water heater, near Cook street. Price $5,500. Terms. We can recommend this to anyone wishing a comfortable house not too far from their place of business. Apply 40 Government St. ja18

COOK STREET. Corner of Chamber street; fine two-storey dwelling, one acre of ground, conservatory. $6,000. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. ja18

OAK BAY AVENUE. Four lots near Rockland avenue for $1,250, or will be sold separately at $350 each. Terms. Apply 40 Government St. ja18

VICTORIA WEST. Corner of Mary and Frederick streets, handsome building site, fine view of the Straits. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. ja18

VICTORIA ARM. Twenty acres, fenced and ready for cultivation, orchard, etc., $2,750. Very easy terms. Fine site for chicken ranch and fruit farm. Apply 40 Government St. ja18

100 MONTHLY PAYMENTS of $12.50 each will buy a nice five-roomed cottage, cor. of San Juan avenue and Niagara street. Apply 40 Government St. ja18

FIFTY DOLLARS CASH and small quarterly payments will purchase a store and dwelling combined at the cor. of Oswego and Coburg streets. Fine opening for a small store. Apply 40 Government St. ja18

$75 CASH and 100 monthly payments of $9.00 each will purchase a five-roomed house on Rundell street, James Bay. Apply 40 Government St. This is cheaper than paying rent. ja18

STRAWBERRY VALE. Five-acre blocks, cheap. Payments to suit purchaser. Apply 40 Government St. ja18

FORT STREET. Part of the Haywood Estate. Just above Cook street. Fine building sites. Prices reasonable. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. ja18

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WANTED—Situation in the country as housekeeper or companionable help to lady; highest references. Apply "E.S.," this office. f2

SOLICITOR—Twenty years practical experience, England and Canada; private means. Would like entry law office. View, subsequent partnership. Reply "Lincolns Inn," Colonist office. ja31

WANTED—Experienced saleslady. Columbia House, 81 Douglas street, between 3 and 6 p.m. ja31

WANTED—A teacher for Clayoquot public school. Apply at once to the board of trustees. ja31

WANTED—By a capable man, position to cook for party of men; no objection to go into the country or up North; good references. "A," Colonist office. ja31

CASH for acceptable ideas; state if patented. Address The Patent Record, Baltimore, Md. d20

WANTED—Positions for two bandsmen of Fifth Regiment C.A. Apply to F. B. Gregory, Lt.-Col.

HAVE YOUR BOOTS AND SHOES repaired by C. Nangle, the prize boot and shoemaker; he don't charge credit prices. Repairing Depot, 56 Fort street.

FOR SALE.

STEAMSHIP CO.'S STOCK FOR SALE—A limited number of shares at par in the Boscowitz Steamship Co., Ltd., will be listed for sale for 10 days from date at the company's office, No. 46 Yates street, where particulars can be ascertained. f2

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Berkshire Boar, one year old, extra fine. Inquire of E. E. Green, Telegraph Bay, B.C. f2

FOR SALE—Gentleman's handsome overcoat (new), muskrat fur lined, with beaver collar and cuffs. Apply S. Soupal & Co., 34 Government street. f2

FOR SALE—Contents of 5-room house. Address "Y.," Colonist. f1

FOR SALE—Furniture, fixtures and stock-in-trade of Western Hotel; immediate possession giving, owing to proprietor going North. Apply Proprietor Western Hotel, Store street. ja25

FOR SALE—The steamer Alarm, 34 tons burden, fitted with fine compound engines. For particulars apply Wm. Turpel, Central Shipyard. ja20

FOR SALE—Full-sized claim on Porcupine Creek; assessment work done. For particulars apply Prichard House. ja20

MATSQUI PRAIRIE—Fronting on Fraser river—244 acres cheap; two choice lots fruit trees, $300 each, Stanley avenue. Wm. Andean. ja14

FOR SALE—A fine gasoline launch, 35 ft. long by 6 ft. beam, with 12 h.p. motor; also a 8 h.p. gasoline marine engine; all in good working order. Apply at The Schaake Machine Works, New Westminster, B.C.

FOR SALE—Two or three of the most desirable building lots in city, with a frontage of 112 feet on the Dallas Road. Address A. C. West, Adelphi Building.

TO LET OR LEASE.

TO LET—A large house on Fernwood Road, with 2 lots and stable. $9 per month; three 5-roomed houses opposite, at $5 per month. Inquire at 11 Centre Road, Spring Ridge, City. f2

FURNISHED COTTAGE TO RENT—Corner St. John and Belleville streets, James Bay. Apply Box 518. ja28

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, single or en suite. 182 Fort street. ja14

FURNISHED HOUSE—Seven rooms; Esquimalt Road. Apply Mr. Hunt, Hunt's Cottages. ja11

FIRST CLASS BOARD AND ROOMS can be had for two gentlemen at 138 Blanchard avenue, corner of Discovery street. ja9

LODGES AND SOCIETIES.

SONS OF ENGLAND—Alexandra Lodge A.O.U.W., hall, 2nd and 4th Thursday. J. G. Taylor, secretary.

The Neills in Modern Tragedy

A Well Balanced Production of C. Haddon Chamber's Romantic and Pathetic Play.

Emma Nevada, the Dresden China Prima Donna, to Be Here Monday.

No one who regularly attends performances at the Victoria theatre can dispute the fact that the play-goers of this city are enamored of comedy. The best-acted, most effective bit of pathos usually fails to command fair tribute of appreciation, while even the depths of the pathetic scene or tragic incident are oft-times sounded in the hope that some lurking element of comedy may be discovered at which to smile legitimately and in place. Hence it is that such plays as "Captain Swift," presented last evening and abounding in really good work by all members of the Neill company, are undeniably less appreciated than was "A Bachelor's Romance" on Monday, or will be "A Gilded Fool" tonight. It's all very much on the principle of laugh and the world laughs with you—(sometimes at the wrong place)—but weep and you weep alone.

"Captain Swift" is, moreover, of a type of plays somewhat restricted in number and range: unwholesome in their semi-idealization of picturesque crime; and depending chiefly for their literary value upon the magnetic personality and romantic daring of the central figure—be he a most courteous and gentlemanly cut-throat, as in "Captain Swift," or a thoroughly suave and cultured forger, such as "Jim the Penman." For a perfect "Captain Swift," intensity and repose are equally demanded, together with sterling tragic power in the two great scenes of the piece—each being between the hero and the unhappy mother. Such qualities are eminently the possession of Arthur Forrest, for whom the play was originally designed, and who first produced it here. They are not in the same degree the birthright of Mr. Neill, who although he certainly shows excellent original study in his last-act despair, lacks in the earlier stages of the play the intensity of strength and self-reliance that is the essence of the character.

The dominating and most admirable figure in the Neill production of the well written little modern tragedy is, indeed, not "Swift," but the presumably second character of Mr. Gardiner, interpreted by Mr. Frank MacVicars with easy naturalness and manliness that were delightful. His every intonation, gesture and position—his perception of the character in all respects worthy of unqualified commendation, Mr. George Bloomguest's "Harry Seabrooke" was another well carried part, nothing in the piece being better than their work in the little scene in which Harry insults the reformed bushranger—unless it be the piquant winsomeness of Miss Grace Mae Lamkin's "Mabel," whose little moues and coquetries are quite sufficient to provide an army of rivals across the footlights for the lucky Gardiner. Mr. Burton's "Mr. Seabrooke" is a finely shaded and sustained old gentleman; and Miss Chapman's "Mrs. Seabrooke" generally satisfactory, though falling somewhat to satisfy in the same absence of intensity that is the hollowness of Mr. Neill's "Swift."

To-night the company will be seen in Henry Guy Carleton's clever comedy, "A Gilded Fool," the pivotal character of which is eminently adapted to Mr. Neill's style and abilities. It was last presented here by Mr. Nat C. Goodwin, and it is promised that the scenic and accessory elements of the production will to-night outrank those even of that memorable engagement.

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The most notable figure of the present concert season is Mme. Emma Nevada, who a month or so ago returned to her native land after an absence of more than who a month or so ago returned to her navada has just completed a series of concerts at the Metropolitan opera house, in which she repeated her vocal triumphs scored on the occasion of the memorable visit in the days of Mapleson, when she was co-star with Patti and rivalled though then but a mere child, that famous diva who was in those days in the zenith of her fame. The New York critics have been unaminous in declaring her vocalism perfect. Her thrills, her cadensas, her incomparable vocalism, are all so perfect that criticism fails. Her velvety voice is like a flake of silken, impalpable floss, wafted through the auditorium, and resolved to tenderest melody in the consciousness of her enraptured hearers. Mme. Nevada is now on a tour which will embrace all the chief American cities, this tour being under the management of that rising impressario, Charles L. Young. This city is to be included in the tour, the date being fixed for Monday evening next, and music lovers will await with interest the coming of the distinguished prima donna whose fame is world-wide.

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These samples will be sent only to those who apply personally, lists of names from societies or individuals cannot be considered. Only one sample of one sort can be sent to each applicant, hence if an individual receives a sample of oats he cannot also receive one of wheat or barley. Applications should be addressed to the directors of Experimental Farms, Ottawa, and may be sent any time before the 15th of March, after which date the lists will be closed, so that the samples asked for may be all sent out in good time for sowing. Parties writing will please mention the sort of grain they would prefer and should the available stock of the variety named be exhausted, some other good sort will be sent in its place. Letters may be sent to the Experimental Farm free of postage.

WM. SAUNDERS,
Director of Experimental Farms.
Ottawa, January 22, 1900.

ARMAMENT FOR HUNGARY.

Thirty Million Florins Set Apart in View of Obscure Position in the Balkans.

Buda Pesth, Jan. 31.—The lower house of the Hungarian diet to-day approved a supplementary credit of 30,000,000 florins, for the purchase of rifles, artillery, ammunition, etc., after the Premier, Baron Banffy, had explained that "in view of the obscure position in the Balkins" it was necessary to prepare the army for possible partial mobilization. He denied that the fortifications of Cattaro (at the southeast extremity of the Gulf of Cattaro) implied the least suggestion of a demonstration against Italy which he classed as a "valuable and generally esteemed member of the dreibund."

Mrs. Chas. Smith of Jimes, Ohio, writes: I have used every remedy for sick headache I could hear of for the past fifteen years, but Carter's Little Liver Pills did me more good than all the rest.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

GRAND FORKS

Grand Forks, Jan. 31.—Col. Johnson of San Francisco, who has been engaged in hydraulic mining on Snake river, is here to investigate the possibilities of work of a similar character in the main Kettle river, in the vicinity of Grand Forks. This is his second visit to the Boundary country. Col. Johnson authorizes the statement that he would organize a company including among its shareholders a number of American capitalists for the purpose of extracting gold from the Kettle river by means of the patent dredge now in successful use in Idaho. He predicted that the gavel beds and sand bars would yield at least from 15 to 25 cents to the yard. He added that this would realize a profit after deducting all expenses. The first dredge he also intimated, would be in operation within three months.

The bed of the Kettle river has long been known to be laden with flaky gold. In low water, miners of various periods, using the most primitive methods, have made fairly good wages. This has also been their experience in the gravel benches situated along the river bank. It is well known that colors can be obtained from the gravel taken from the streets of Grand Forks by the simple process of "panning," a convincing experience that appeals to so many skeptical new comers. The gold deposits are not confined to the lower end of the valley. Placer mining is still caried on in summer in Fourth of July creek, less than five miles from the city, while further west, Rock and Boundary creeks, other tributaries of Kettle river, yielded millions of dollars to the adventurous argonauts in the early sixties. The decision of Col. Johnson to engage in hydraulic operations has created great enthusiasm here.

Grand Forks, Jan. 30.—The new plant for the Pathfinder mine, north fork of Kettle river, has reached here by rail. It will be installed immediately. It includes a 3½ Rand drill, a duplex pump, with a capacity of 200 gallons per minute, a 50 h.p. boiler and hoist. Thos. Parkinson, president of the company, says the plant will be enlarged long before the 400 foot level is reached.

Major W. H. Cooper, of this city, has been appointed deputy sheriff of this district.

A tunnel is being driven on the Kitty W., north fork of Kettle river, to tap the lead at a depth of 200 feet.

The Columbia Telephone Co. now operate over 500 miles of line. It is proposed to extend their system this year into the Similkameen country.

The new civic waterworks plant will have a daily capacity of 750,000 gallons.

Nine feet of solid ore was encountered a few days ago in a crosscut at a depth of 60 feet on the Strawberry claim in Brown's camp.

Good progress is being made in running a tunnel on the Phil. Sheridan claim, of the Earthquake group, 12 miles north of this city. Frank Sears, secretary of the company, is confident that the main vein of the Golden Eagle mine will be encountered at a depth of 100 feet.

The Phil. Sheridan claim shows two parallel veins, which also extend across the Golden Eagle property.

The annual meeting of the Sunset Copper Company, which is developing the Sunset claim in the Similkameen, will be held here on the 5th prox.

Mayor Lloyd A. Manly has presented the city with a new ladder truck. The local fire department already possesses a steam fire engine, and is otherwise thoroughly equipped.

GREENWOOD.

Greenwood, Jan. 29.—W. W. Kent, general superintendent of the Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company, Spokane, has been in the city and Boundary country, and while presumably on a tour of inspection, it is understood they have been looking over the situation with a view to a very considerable extension of their respective systems. The Greenwood Miner has ascertained that it is the intention of the Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company to extend its lines as far as Camp McKinney, via Rock Creek, and from Rock Creek to Bolster, Wash., where the system will connect with that of the Inland Telephone Company, which will build up from Republic to Chesaw and Bolster. It is understood too that it is the intention of the latter company to exend its lines into the Okanagan country, taking in Loomis, Oro and other points of importance. The proposed extension in British Columbia and in Washington territory, respectively, will control practically the whole Interior, and enable them to reach almost every point of importance. Now that the Vernon and Nelson company have secured the control of the Victoria Exchange, it is understood that Nanaimo and Victoria will be connected overland, and Victoria and Vancouver by cable. With the exception of the Columbia Telephone Company in this district, the Vernon and Nelson is now supreme in the province, both on the Island and Mainland.

Greenwood, Jan. 31.—S. F. Parrish today informed the Associated Press correspondent that the British Columbia mine in Summit Camp would ship daily sixty tons to Trail smelter. The ore body on the 250-foot level has been crosscut 40 feet.

To-night a large house greeted the performance at the Alhambra theatre in aid of the fund for the widows and orphans of soldiers killed in the Transvaal.

ROSSLAND.

The ladies' ball in aid of the Canadian Patriotic fund held last evening in the Rossland opera house, proved an immense success in every respect. Not the least interesting part of the affair was the sale of mining stock carried out under the auspices of the Rossland Stock Exchange; 12,500 shares of stock were disposed of, realizing the exceedingly handsome sum of $1,015.50. The floor and the music furnished by W. H. Falding's orchestra were both excellent, and the hundred or so couples who were present evidently enjoyed themselves immensely. A lengthy programme of 23 dances was most enthusiastically carried out. A donated supper was served on the stage shortly after midnight and light refreshments were to be had throughout the evening. The lower boxes of the opera house proper and underneath the gallery were arranged with comfortable chairs, from which a charming view of the pretty scene could be obtained, and here the dancers rested during the short intervals. Altogether the fund must have been increased by last night's efforts by nearly $1,400. Both the ladies who got up the ball and the city brokers who so materially assisted in making the affair a financial success, have every reason to be proud of the result. The auction sale of stock under the auspices of the Rossland Mining & Stock Exchange realized a larger contribution to the Patriotic fund than has been subscribed by any other single institution in the province. It not only reflects credit on the exchange and on those who made such generous donations of stock, but it gives a practical proof of the high estimation in which Rossland mining stocks are held, as well as the patriotic spirit which pervades the city. With hardly an exception the stocks donated were sold far above the prevailing market price and every lot was sold to Rossland people. They not only are willing to help a good cause but they believe a good investment is made in the stocks they have bought. The plan originated with Alderman John Dean, to whom much credit is due.—Record January 27.

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TIME FOR THE CURTAIN.

After what occurred in the house last evening, a premier—we will not say a self-respecting premier, but one who appreciates the rudimentary principles of parliamentary government—would feel it to be his duty to consult the Lieutenant-Governor as to his future course. No ministry ever occupied a more humiliating position than did that of Mr. Semlin yesterday. A perfect demonstration was made of the truth of Mr. Turner's want-of-confidence motion, in which he recited that the government had no longer the efficient control of the house. It has been established beyond peradventure that Mr. Prentice dominates the province. Before the ministry dare advise the Lieutenant-Governor as to any subject of legislation or administration, they must ascertain what Mr. Prentice thinks about it. The member for East Lillooet enjoys equally with the Lieutenant-Governor the power of dismissing or retaining the ministry, and he has already given abundant proof that he proposes to exercise that power in a thoroughly independent way. Mr. Prentice is a gentleman of more than ordinary grasp of affairs, and is closely identified with large interests, but it is utterly foreign to British ideas of parliamentary government that any one member, in whom neither the house, the country nor the Lieutenant-Governor has ever expressed political confidence, should control the legislation and administration of the province. We have heard before now of a power behind the throne, but Mr. Prentice affords an example of a member who can, whenever he wishes, stand in front of the throne and bid it do whatever he desires.

It is certainly time to ring down the curtain upon the farce now being played under the guise of responsible government, and the man to ring it down is Mr. Prentice. As a patriotic citizen of this province he ought to put an end to the present condition by voting the government out and giving his assistance and support to a new ministry, which can then easily be formed, and which it is now evident enough would command a working majority of members.

The only way to the restoration of settled political conditions in this province is by the defeat of the present ministry and the calling in of a new premier, who with a new policy, a policy free from the abominations of that of the present government, can appeal to the members on both sides of the house for assistance in forming a cabinet and for support afterwards. The sooner we have such a ministry the better for the country and the better for every one desiring to become interested in the country. It lies in Mr. Prentice's hands to bring about such a desirable consummation, and we hope he can soon see his way clear to do so. The members of the legislature are individually and collectively on trial.

PARLIAMENT OPENED.

The speech with which the Governor-General opened parliament yesterday has the doubtful recommendation of length. It is also a singularly evasive document. A measure is promised in the fourth paragraph to provide for the cost and pay of the Canadian contingents, which, if it means that Canada is to pay her troops at the front, will be very welcome news to the country. Paragraph 5 suggests that closer inspection of our exports of produce may be necessary, which seems to be Mr. Fisher's contribution to the parliamentary bill of fare. Mr. Mulock favors the country with congratulations on the increase in the postage receipts. Sir Richard Cartwright is able to report progress in trade negotiations with the British West Indies and South America. Then we are told that improved regulations for the protection of life and health on federal railways and public works have been brought into effect, and a suggestion is made that something may possibly be done to smooth away the difficulties between employers and employees. Mr. Sifton congratulates the country on the success of his immigration menageries and on the return of many Canadians to Canada. Mr. Blair intimates that he is still gathering information about the working of a railway commission, and is very greatly pleased over the good effects of our improved canal system. Then we have a few minor measures mentioned, the list closing with a general remark that is wide enough in its terms to cover every imaginable subject.

It is said that every year the Speech from the Throne is becoming more and more of a simple formality, and we think we can congratulate Sir Wilfrid Laurier upon taking the longest step on record towards the ultimate conclusion, when the speech will be "vox et preterea nihil." If parliament is only to deal with the matters suggested, there is no special reason why it should have met at all except to pass supply.

The general opinion will be that the paragraph, which speaks of Canadian assistance to the Imperial arms in South Africa is lacking in warmth. We think the people of the Dominion would have been glad if the speech had contained something like a declaration of a sense of duty on the part of Canada to bear her full share of the burdens of the Empire. One can easily suppose this paragraph to have passed under the blue pencil of Mr. Tarte before it was sent to the Queen's Printer.

A MARTINET IN OFFICE.

Yesterday when the amendments to the game act were passing through the final stage in the house, Mr. Eberts, in a spirit of courtesy and friendliness, drew the attention of the Attorney-General to the fact that the animal described in the act as elk was properly called wapiti. He was at once sharply called to order by the Speaker. The Attorney-General, who apparently appreciated the point of Mr. Eberts' remark, rose to say something in answer, but was immediately called to order by the Speaker. Now it is quite true that under the strict letter of the rules both the members were out of order, but rules are made to facilitate, not to hamper the transaction of business. It is of infinitely minor importance whether or not the rules for the guidance of business are temporarily waived. No interest suffers in any way. No principle is sacrificed. The house so far from losing any dignity by such little irregularities, really gains by it, for there is nothing more absurd than a legislative body so tied up by its own rules as to be unable to correct unnoticed errors in legislation at any stage. Mr. Speaker Forster apparently does not think so. He seems to have an idea that the pillars of the constitution will be undermined if the legislature is not run like a primary school. The proceedings in the house lose greatly in interest by the exercise of martinet whims in the Speaker's chair, but what is of greater importance the members are kept from being at their best in the consideration of the various subjects before them. The widest freedom of discussion consistent with the orderly conduct of business is one of the greatest safeguards of the public interest.

"THE NEEDS OF PRINCETON."

A pamphlet was circulated in the legislature yesterday entitled "The needs of Princeton and the Similkameen Mining district." It recited a number of interesting facts. The first is that "the Similkameen is the richest mining district in the province of British Columbia," but adds that "mining development has reached the stage that work cannot be carried on unless the necessary roads and bridges are constructed." Stating specifically what is needed the pamphlet says the district "requires the building of a bridge across the Similkameen river at Princeton to connect with the 12-mile waggon road to Copper Mountain," and says that the mines on this mountain will be worked this year, but that without the bridge work will be almost impossible during the spring and summer months. It also needs "the completion of the waggon road from Princeton to Keremeos. The total distance between these points is said to be 45 miles, of which 8 miles have been built at the Princeton end and 7 at the other end. If the connecting 30 miles were made there would be "an all-waggon route from Okanagan Valley via Princeton and also from the Boundary country via Camp McKinney and Fairview. The necessity for a mining recorder's office and commodious schoolhouse at Princeton is mentioned, and then the following case is presented:

"The district also requires the completion of the Hope-Princeton waggon route—total distance 66 miles, of which 9 miles at the Princeton end, and 25 miles starting from Hope Landing on the Fraser river, have already been constructed, leaving 32 miles yet to be built. The trade of the district is largely done from the east via Spencer's Bridge (180 miles east to Vancouver) on the C.P.R., thence by waggon road 120 miles to Princeton. The Hope-Princeton road will give the coast cities access to the district and control of its entire trade; merchandise going by boat to Hope Landing, the saving on freight to Princeton, over the Spence's Bridge route being at least $30 per ton. It will also enable the higher grades of ore (running from $35 to $75 per ton,) produced at the Sunset and other mines to be shipped out, as low return freight rates can be given which will greatly hasten the development of the immense mineral resources of the district. Even after railway facilities are afforded, the road will still be necessary as it runs through a rich mineral section, almost untouched for want of means of access.

The completion of this road and the road to Keremeos will give the coast a direct waggon road all the way to Boundary country.

The region around Princeton is also rich in coal, and is a splendid ranching country. Give it reasonable means of communication and its trade and population will quickly multiply manifold. The number of prospectors was much increased last year, and the results were so encouraging that the present year is bound to see a big boom in the Similkameen, and it will soon take its place as the richest mining district in British Columbia.

These matters are of very great interest and importance, but those, who have watched the efforts that have been made to provide such transportation facilities as are unquestionably required by the very valuable portion of the province above referred to, will agree with us when we say that between the policy of the Turner government, to which effect was given by legislation, providing for the construction of a railway from the Coast to the Boundary country, to a petition from the people praying that a waggon road may be made, the distance is extremely wide. In the Turner policy the needs of the country were anticipated and provided for in the most modern manner. In the present instance we have the people urging an unwilling government to provide a means of transportation certainly inadequate to the needs of the district, and one that would place it at a disadvantage as compared with other metalliferous mining sections of the province.

The Colonist fully appreciates "the needs of Princeton and the Similkameen" and claims that the proper way to secure them is to restore the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern railway to the position it held when the Turner ministry was dismissed. If this is done the whole of this splendid region will be opened by a first-class means of communication within a very few years. At the rate railways can be constructed nowadays it is not at all improbable that within a year from such restoration trains would be running from the coast to Princeton. We trust that the present session will not be allowed to pass without a determined effort to secure the restoration of the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern subsidy. We believe that the support of a majority of the members of the house could be secured for such a step, even if it were opposed by the government.

The 'prentice is boss.

We wish to compliment Mr. Neill and his company of players upon the class of plays they are presenting to the citizens of Victoria. They are clean and wholesome, and establish beyond a doubt that it is not necessary to depict a woman running riot through the Ten Commandments in order to afford entertainment to critical theatre-goers.

The fund in this office for the relief of Mrs. Wilson, whose husband was killed on the E. & N. railway last week, amounts to a little over $80. This will be paid to Mrs. Wilson immediately, but we think it ought to be made larger, and suggest that intending contributors should let us hear from them to-day and to-morrow, as we wish to close the collection.

There have been some funny attempts at cabinet making during the last week. We have been shown some very interesting "slates" made by some very interesting people. Unless all stories are untrue, a certain prominent coal mine manager residing not a thousand miles from Nanaimo, would have slept badly last Saturday night if he could have seen the combination which met with great favor in the inner circles of the government at that time.

Does any one pretend to believe that the Coal Mines Regulation Amendment Act is really a measure intended in the public interest? Does not every one know that its sole purpose is to interfere with certain individuals? There is a lot of very interesting matter to be related in connection with this measure. The government would present a pretty spectacle to the public if the seal of secrecy could be removed from certain lips.

The Right Hon. W. H. Long, president of the board of agriculture in Great Britain, who is now engaged in the enrolment of the Yeomanry, in a letter to Mr. Hedley Chapman of this city says: "From what I know of British Columbians, I should say that they ought to be able to furnish a very valuable contingent." There is no doubt about this, and if the provincial government would only show itself determined to send such a contingent forward, there would doubtless be no question about its grateful acceptance.

Does no one propose to challenge the constitutionality of the tenure by Mr. Cotton of the offices of finance minister and chief commissioner of lands and works? The question is a very serious one and it ought not to be allowed to pass without full ventilation. We claim that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor is not surrounded by such an executive council as the Constitution Act requires. We claim that Mr. Cotton occupies an illegal position, and we challenge any member of the legislature or any newspaper supporting the government to dispute the proposition. But of course the proper place to bring this up is in the house. In this connection we draw attention to the fact that the house has been in session for nearly a month, and yet no mention has been made by the Premier of the ministerial changes that have taken place during the recess. It can hardly be necessary to remind the public that in other British parliamentary bodies one of the first things done in any session is the explanation by the Premier of such changes. We are departing in this province from many salutary rules.

Some day some one will arise in his place in the legislature of British Columbia and try conclusions with the Speaker, and when the performance is over the Speaker will be found to be shorn of a great deal of the imaginary dignity and powers with which he is supposed popularly to be invested. Years ago, in the days when the battle for responsible government was being fought, the Speaker of the New Brunswick legislature undertook to exercise powers such as the News-Advertiser claims to be vested in the office of Speaker here. The person who was the Speaker's victim was a newspaper man, and he was brought to the bar of the house and sent to prison. The newspaper man brought an action for false imprisonment, and the result was that the Speaker was condemned by the courts to pay £500 and costs. Particulars can be found by reference to the report of the case of Hill vs. Weldon. It is possible that the powers of the legislature of British Columbia may be even narrower in this respect than those of the legislature of New Brunswick, because the legislature in the latter province was created by royal instructions, while here it is a statutory body, with no greater power than the statute gives it. We express no opinion on the point, but suggest that Mr. Speaker may not be quite so big an individual as he thinks he is.

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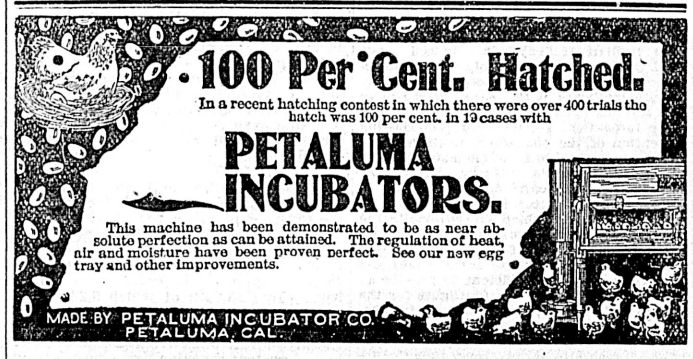

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10:30 a.m.	5.6 feet.	11:30 a.m.	4.9 feet
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Funeral of Mrs. Porter.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Walter Porter took place yesterday, services being conducted at St. John's church by the Rev. Percival Jenns, assisted by Rev. Dean Barber. Many friends were in attendance. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. A. Green, A. Peatt, A. O. Ragstad, F. Ham, W. Marshall, and W. G. H. Ellison.

Awakening in Chinatown.—A number of the Chinese merchants, interviewed yesterday, said that the denizens of the Chinese quarter were quite active in cleaning up their premises. They have heard of the new regulations issued by the city and are anxious to comply with the same, and will assist as far as lies in their power to purify the quarter in order to ward off danger of any epidemic.

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Popular Ramblers.—Messrs. Weiler Bros. have just received from the factory of Gormully & Jeffries, Chicago, 250 Rambler bicycles. They came west over the C. P. R.

Customs Returns.—The total customs collections at Victoria during January were $54,774.11, while $3,300.55 was taken in at the custom house from other sources. The collections at Bennett totalled $3,259.33.

Conference on Wednesday.—On Wednesday evening next the mayor and aldermen will confer with the board of school trustees on the question of the estimates, the aldermen considering it desirable that such a course should be pursued in consequence of the increase in the appropriations asked for by the trustees.

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Boys' Brotherhood.—The Boys' Brotherhood Club (under the auspices of the International Brotherhood League) held their weekly meeting last evening, when final arrangements were made in connection with the concert which will take place next Thursday. The membership roll is gradually increasing, and there is every promise of a strong club.

Col. Verner.—In a late issue of the Ottawa Journal appeared a brief character sketch of Lieut. Col. Verner, head of the intelligence department under Gen. Buller. He is looked upon as the chief living British authority on military surveying and reconnaissance work. Col. Verner is a first cousin of Mrs. S. M. Goddard, of Niagara street, of this city.

At 2 o'clock to-day Auctioneer W. T. Hardaker will wield the hammer at 313 Douglas street. At this sale an opportunity will be offered to purchase goods of good quality and equal to new, at the purchasers' own price. *

Fire Statistics.—The fire statistics for the month of January show light losses. They are as follows: Jan. 25, fire at H. Cuthbert's residence, Gorge road, over-heated flue, no damage; on night of same day fire at No. 33 Chatham street, in buildings owned by R. Nash, Lenevue estate, and M. Baker, loss $2,200, cause unknown; Jan. 27, fire at residence of G. A. Richardson, Second street, loss $10.

January Donations.—The manager of the Home for the Aged and Infirm acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following donations to the home during the month of January: Mrs. L. J. Quagliotti, Mrs. E. Dickenson, Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, Mrs. Bickford, Mr. N. Shakespeare, Mr. T. Shotbolt, Mr. G. Marsden, Mr. C. E. Jones, Mr. G. Topham, reading matter; Col. Prior, M.P. reading matter, underclothing, etc.

Inland Revenue.—The Inland revenue returns for Victoria division for January are as follows:

Spirits	$ 9,192.11
Malt	1,490.66
Manufactured Tobacco	1,558.63
Raw Leaf Tobacco	348.70
Cigars	744.90
License	25.00
Other receipts	55.00
Total	$13,415.00

Police Court Returns.—The police court returns for the month of January consist of the following: Drunkeness, 17; safe keeping, 3; lodgings, 2; malicious injury to property, 1; infraction of the public morals' by-law, 1; assault, 4; being in possession of stolen property, 1; unsound mind 1; theft, 8; vagrancy, 3; possession of intoxicants, 1; breach liquor license regulation act, 1; supplying liquor to Indians, 2; keeping a bawdy house, 4; inmate of a bawdy house, 1; infraction of the street by-law, 2; attempt to rob, 2; threatening language, 1; cruelty to animals, 3; infraction of the fire by-law, 1; infraction of the revenue tax by-law, 7; infraction of the bridge by-law, 8; refusing to support, 1.

People from the Maritime Provinces who have settled in this part of the Dominion will be interested in the advertisement of the Halifax Weekly Chronicle, which appears in this issue. *

Public Library.—In January there were lent from the public library 2,226 books—to ladies 1,149, to gentlemen 1,077. The highest number lent in one day was 140, the average number 86. Thirty-nine new members of the library have enrolled their names—19 ladies and 20 gentlemen. Seventeen new volumes have been added to the library, viz.: "The Cross Triumphant," "Face to Face With Napoleon," "Dross," "The Associate Hermits," "Anglo-Saxon Superiority," "Bonhomme" (French-Canadian), "David Harum," "Kit Kennedy," "The Black Douglas," "Chitral" (Minor Siege), "Madame Izan," "Domitia," "The Gentleman From Indiana," "Infatuation," "Snow on the Headlight," "Stalky & Co.," "No 5 John Street."

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Provincial Quarantine.—A dispatch from Rossland says: "John O. McLeod, superintendent of railway mail service for the province, arrived at Northport on Sunday in company with Dr. Charles F. Fagan of Victoria, secretary of the provincial board of health. After a consultation, Dr. Fagan appointed Dr. G. S. Armstrong, physician at the Le Roi smelter, as the representative of the provincial health department at Newport. Under the superintendence of Dr. Armstrong all mail matter coming from Spokane and other infected points will be held over at Northport and disinfected. The mail will then be made up by a special United States mail clerk, who has been dispatched to that point. This will mean a delay of 24 hours for the mail that is to be disinfected. As far as possible, mail matter from eastern states and other points outside of the infected district will be sent through without delay in order to avoid possible delay and chance if infection. All mail matter from Victoria and Vancouver and other British Columbia coast points will now come into the Kootenay country via the Canadian Pacific railway."

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ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Senior Championship Game at Caledonia Ground on Saturday.

The second game for the British Columbia association football championship and cup will be played between Victoria and the Columbias at Caledonia grounds on Saturday at 3 o'clock. The first game played on New Years' day was won by Victoria after a hard fought game by a score of 2 to 0 and Saturday's game is looked forward to with interest. Victoria will put on practically the same team, and it is expected that the Columbias will be strengthened so that Victoria will have to work hard to prevent their opponents from evening up. At Nanaimo the competing teams are still tie, having won one game each and played two drawn games, so that indications are that the contest for the cup will be a keen one. The teams for Saturday are as follows: Victoria—Goal, W. H. Kinsman; backs, A. Peden and W. York; half-backs, W. McKeown, S. Lorimer and J. Hart; forwards, J. Pauline, J. Lorimer, W. N. Winsby, H. G. Lawson and R. Powell. Colors red and blue. Columbias—Goal, Marshall; backs, Burns and Nesbitt; half-backs, Turner, Dalby and Robertson; forwards, Berkeley, Fell, Wilson, J. Lawson, and A. Netherby.

JUNIOR LEAGUE GAME.

The next game in the Victoria junior league will be played at Beacon Hill on Saturday afternoon, commencing at 1:45 sharp, between the Mapleleafs and South Park. Mr. A. Rutherford will act as referee. The teams are as follows: Mapleleafs—Goal, Houston; backs, N. Gowen and T. Luscome; half-backs, A. Dakers, W. Williscroft and J. Belyea; forwards, T. Feden, S. Winsby, J. Dakers, C. Bishop, and H. Dwyer. South Park—Goal, Cridge; full backs, Laing and J. Johnston; half-backs, Allcott, Ireland and B. Johnson; forwards, Finlaison, Burns, Phillips, Fox and Kelly.

Social Evening.—In the Congregational church, Pandora street this evening, the ladies aid society will give one of their socials for which they are famed. Some of the best vocalists and instrumentalists in the city will contribute to the programme, which is a splendid one. During the evening refreshments will be served. The admission fee will be a cent for each year of the attending persons' age.

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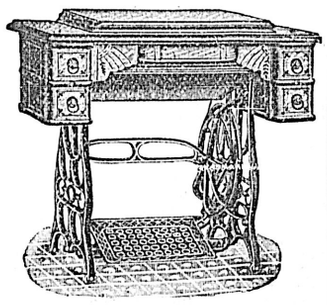
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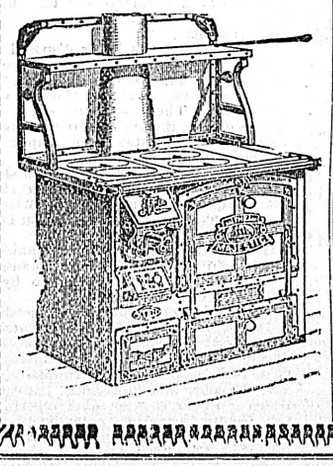
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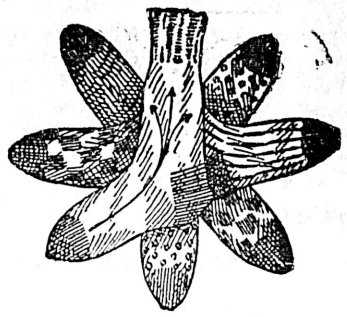

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A Power in The House.

Mr. Prentice Appears as Dictator to the Too Arbitrary Ministers.

Compels Timely Adjournment of Bill Prescribing Test for Coal Miners.

Important Amendment by Mr. McPhillips--Delay in Printing Returns.

The government and government party of British Columbia were made to realize last evening more clearly than ever before the slenderness of the majority by which they continue in control. It came like a bombshell, just before the rising of the house at 6, and once again Mr. Prentice of East Lillooet had the honor of being the central figure in the tableau. The Coal Mines Regulation bill had been under discussion for three hours, strong speeches in connection with the proposed legislation having been made by Messrs. McPhillips and Joseph Martin, the former of whom introduced an amendment covering five full pages of type-written manuscript. Mr. Booth and Mr. Higgins asked that the debate might be adjourned in order that this might be printed and discussed with intelligence; Col. Baker urged that the matter be not rushed with undue haste, material information being on its way to him from the Crow's Nest Pass mines; Mr. Helmcken applied for an adjournment of the debate in order to secure certain authorities. To each of these requests the government turned a deaf ear—swinging in their chairs with self-satisfied smiles—merely replying to the reminder that the President of the Council had promised there should be no evening session with the observation that they "had changed their minds." They had tested their strength, and found that they had a majority of one, a division of 18 to 17 having rejected one protest against the dangerously hasty legislation. Then as Mr. Helmcken was further protesting against the discourtesy and lack of consideration extended, Mr. Prentice entered. He had been paired with Mr. James Dunsmuir, and consequently had taken no part in the vote. Catching Mr. Speaker's eye he proceeded to illustrate the ability of one member to "hold the pistol to the head of the government," this time in a good cause. The house had just learned by the evening paper, he said, that Mr. Alexander Dunsmuir had just died in New York; and in view of the close relation borne by this bill to the Dunsmuir interests, he thought it would be little more than ordinary courtesy to postpone its further consideration until the morrow. He added significantly that he had just been released by wire from his pair with Mr. James Dunsmuir, and there was enough in the manner of the saying to indicate that he would, if the matter came to a vote, raise his hand with the opposition. "I think it would be well for the senior member for Victoria to apply for an adjournment of the debate now," he said, "and for the government to grant it." If they had thought to consider it, the government might have realized that they would, with Mr. Prentice voting against them, have still a tie, and be able to save themselves by the useful Speaker's vote. As it was they appeared to be seized with a panic. The ground seemed less secure than it had been; the arrogant position they had been inconsistently asserting all through the afternoon, was abandoned in a moment. "Oh, very well," said the President of the Council. And the adjournment was granted, the silence of the government phalanx being that of utter and complete consternation. The incident was of value as showing the exceedingly delicate position of a government thus at the mercy of one or two at most. It also was interpreted by the old parliamentarians of the house as showing that the government as at present constituted can be "rattled" very simply.

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After prayers by Rev. Dr. Wilson,

PETITIONS

Were presented by:

Mr. Prentice—From William Farrell, in connection with the Western Telephone & Telegraph Co.'s petition for incorporation; and

Mr. Bryden—From the hundreds of miners employed in the Wellington and Wellington Extension mines, to the following effect:

"The petition of the Wellington (or Wellington Extension) coal mine employees against section 3, bill 14, 1900, to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, prohibiting the employment underground of any person who is unable to read the special rules as printed in English, and to understand the same to the satisfaction of the inspector."

The first of these two petitions was duly received; those presented by Mr. Bryden were declared by Mr. Speaker to be out of order as containing no prayer.

Petitions laid before the house on Wednesday, from workingmen of the Rossland camp, citizens and miners of Phoenix, residents of Silverton, and the B. C. Mills & Trading Co.—were in turn received and ordered to be printed.

TO GO TO THE ASYLUM.

For the special committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the condition of affairs at the New Westminster asylum for the insane,

Mr. Higgins presented an interim report to the effect that it would be necessary for the committee to visit the institution in question, the house being asked to justify the small expenditure that would be involved. He moved for the suspension of the standing rules in order that this recommendation might be adopted.

Hon. Mr. Semlin again sought further information as to the necessity, purpose or scope of this inquiry. He hoped the member for Esquimalt would give the house some hint of what he expected would be attained by this committee.

Mr. Higgins answered with considerable heat that the matter had already been sufficiently discussed. It was neither necessary nor desirable to go into particulars. To do so would be little less than indecent, in view of the great delicacy of the subject.

The report was allowed to be adopted.

MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. Higgins next rose to a question of privilege, with the observation that he would continue so to do until his wishes upon the subject had been met. He had some time ago asked for certain returns (with reference to the operation of the eight-hour law), and these after considerable delay had been laid before the house. He had asked for these returns, but had been repeatedly told they had not yet been printed. At the same time he saw the correspondence in question presented in mutilated, emasculated form in the daily press. He demanded to know why this had been permitted—why the government had held back this correspondence and permitted a newspaper to publish a mutilated extract. He noted that the Minister of Finance smiled and sneered. He demanded that the Minister should not smile at him—

Hon. Mr. Cotton—I was not thinking of the honorable gentleman at all; I was speaking to Mr. Wells.

Mr. Higgins observed that the honorable Minister was too prone to sneer and smile sarcastically when gentlemen opposite were speaking. He again demanded the reason for the holding back of this correspondence from the house.

Mr. Kidd, as chairman of the printing committee, denied that there was any "holding back" involved. The printing committee had been unable to meet and deal with the correspondence in question. The government had nothing whatever to do with the matter.

Mr. A. W. Smith also had a question of privilege, with reference to a statement credited to him in a Times house report of the debate on the Small Debts Act amendment bill. He had been reported as speaking of a magistrate acting in the capacity of a bill collector at Vernon. As a matter of fact he had never been in Vernon; had never said anything on this subject with regard to Vernon; and had never spoken to anyone from Vernon on the matter.

NEW LEGISLATION.

Bills to amend the Queen's Counsel Act Amendment Act, 1899, (Mr. McPhillips); and to make special provision for the qualification of members of the city council of Sandon (Mr. Green), were introduced, received a first reading, and set for second reading at the next sitting of the house.

PUBLIC MEASURES ADVANCED.

The Liquor Licence Act amendment bill was introduced by message and advanced to the second reading, which is set for the next sitting of the house. The Jurors Act amendment bill and the Game Law amendment bill received their third readings.

As the latter was being disposed of,

Mr. Eberts asked the indulgence of the house to suggest that the word "elk" be changed to "wapiti," the more correct term. There were no elk in this province, but the American citizens had seen fit to christen the wapiti the "American elk."

At this point Mr. Speaker insisted that the member for South Victoria should not complete his suggestion, inasmuch as there was no formal resolution before the house.

Hon. Mr. Henderson also manifested a wish to consider the suggestion, but was prevented from doing so by the Speaker's dictum.

On the Supreme Court Act amendment bill a progress report was presented, in order that amendments may be introduced to provide for three instead of two Full court sittings annually, and also to accommodate interlocutory appeals. Progress was also reported on the Companies Act amendment bill; while the Small Debts Act amendment bill was advanced to the committee stage and a new section introduced to exempt the salaries of clerks and artisans from being garnisheed to the extent of $40. Upon the suggestion of Mr. Wells it was further provided that garnishee papers must be transmitted to the judge or magistrate interested without any delay.

DEFECTIVE RETURNS.

By privilege Mr. Booth directed attention to what appeared to be a grave omission of papers in the return brought down to the house with reference to the acts objected to by the Imperial government. He referred more particularly to the despatches of Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, in which that gentleman referred to certain other despatches which did not appear and without which the house could not intelligently understand the question.

Hon. Mr. Cotton replied that these were probably included in an earlier return, and on Mr. Booth looking the matter up and finding that this was not the case, the Minister of Finance promised that the matter would be looked into and the missing documents presented.

COAL MINES REGULATION BILL.

Continuing the debate on the second reading of the Coal Mines Regulation Act amendment bill,

MR. McPHILLIPS said he had expected that the President of the Council would have instanced other countries where legislation of this character obtained. He had failed to hear him, and he also knew as a matter of fact that it would have been impossible for Hon. Dr. McKechnie to have cited precedents for this enactment in respect to the requirement that no one should be employed underground who was unable to read the special rules. Therefore the house had this unique position—that after all the experience of other countries, extending over a long time, in coal mines, it had remained for British Columbia to initiate legislation of so drastic character. The failure of the President of the Council to demonstrate that the conditions of this country were so similar to the conditions existing in all other countries, was also to be attributed to the ineffectiveness of Dr. McKechnie's reasoning for the introduction of such legislation. There could be no question that this legislature was again to be treated to the shameful illustration of a responsible government under the British crown endeavoring by indirect methods to override the authority of the highest court of appeal in the Empire. Such a proceeding must be condemned in strong language. He claimed that this legislation was beyond the jurisdiction of the province. Honorable gentlemen who came from the Mother Country, where the parliament was master of all, forgot that the British Columbia legislature had a body above it.

"Why," continued Mr. McPhillips, "should we arrogate to ourselves the duty which devolves upon the House of Commons?"

A Government Member—"We have to."

Mr. McPhillips did not agree. The federal assembly had to carry out legislation of this kind.

The Same Member—"They won't do it."

Mr. McPhillips—"It is not in our power to do that which they have refused to do. I have stated on every occasion that I will resist to the utmost limit of my power this attempt to trespass upon the authority of the Dominion parliament."

JUDGES' SALARIES IN B. C.

Mr. Higgins asked the Attorney-General:

"1. If he is aware that the salaries paid each member of the British Columbia judiciary is $1,000 per annum less than the salaries paid the Ontario and Quebec judiciary?

"2. If he is so aware, whether it is his intention to call the attention of the Dominion government to the anomaly, and request that the salaries of British Columbia judges be raised to a level with those of the provinces of Ontario and Quebec?"

Hon. Mr. Henderson objected to the questions, on the ground that the second question was based upon the first, and the first was irregular as containing a statement of fact not permissible under rule 29, providing that a question which states a fact may not be put; he asked for a ruling upon this point.

Mr. Speaker declared the question in order, and Hon. Mr. Henderson then replied:

"1. Yes. 2. A resolution will be introduced touching the question referred to."

WATER FEES AND LOCATION.

Mr. McPhillips asked the Minister of Finance and the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:

"1. Has any table of rates chargeable for rents, royalties, tolls and charges in respect of the waters of the crown, under the Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897, and the Water Clauses Consolidation Act Amendment Act, 1899, been fixed?

"2. What rates (if any) have been collected from individuals or corporations during the calendar year 1899 from the users of waters of the crown on waters of the crown that they may have records of, and the names of such individuals and corporations?"

Hon. Mr. Cotton replied: It is the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, not the Minister of Finance, who answers the question. The answer is: 1. Yes; a schedule of rates was fixed by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council on the 18th August, 1897, and was published in the British Columbia Gazette. 2. The rates prescribed by the schedule, except in the case of companies who have recorded large quantities of water with a view to the development of a high horse power, in which case the rates provided by the schedule would be excessive. In such cases the payment of fees has been held in abeyance, pending a revision of the schedule, which is under consideration by the government. The names of those who have recorded water during 1899, so far as returns have been received from the various offices throughout the province, are as follows:" (Here follow the names of 152 persons, firms and incorporated companies.)

Mr. A. W. Smith asked the Minister of Mines:

"Why was it necessary for the Minister of Mines to issue the notice, as published in the Gazette 20th April, 1899, that the powers conferred upon mining recorders by section 6, Placer Mining Act Amendment Act, 1899, and by section 8 of the Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1899, should not be exercised by them until so directed by the Minister of Mines

"Was the notice issued by authority of the Placer Mining Act, and section 143 of the Mineral Act? If yes, has the order or regulation been laid before the legislative assembly, as required by the Placer Mining and Mineral acts?"

Hon. Mr. Hume replied: "This department considered these sections quite clear as to their intent and meaning, as only legalizing the acts of a mining recorder should he be called upon—by the exigencies of the service or by this department—to act in the place or stead of a gold commissioner who might be unable to so act owing to sickness, absence or other cause, viz., that the powers of a gold commissioner "MAY be performed by a mining recorder," and that the section was in no sense mandatory. As an example of its application, I might say that the mining recorder at New Denver has been instructed to act as gold commissioner within the Slocan mining division, pending the appointment of a gold commissioner for that district, and his acts as such have force under this section. The notice in the Gazette of the 20th April, 1899, was issued by me to the mining recorders as officers of this department, to assure a uniform practice in the service, and inasmuch as any other interpretation would have caused great confusion and been inexpedient. These instructions were not issued under section 150 of the Placer Mining Act, nor of section 143 of the Mineral Act."

Proceeding to elaborate his objections to this legislation, the junior member for Victoria said that while he was as distinctly and as strongly opposed to the introduction of Asiatic labor to this province, he would not consent to being a party to useless, childish legislation that could not have effect or force. Passing legislation in the full knowledge that the provincial house was incompetent to enact it was playing at parliament, and unworthy of a body of sensible men who as members of the local assembly should recognize and understand the limits of their legislative power. Citing numerous authorities for his contention that this measure could not be recognized as intra vires if adopted by the house—the opinion of the late Lord Watson in the test appeal of Brydon vs. Union Collieries in particular—Mr. McPhillips urged that if their intentions were practical, the promoters of this bill would have been better employed in bringing influence to bear upon their representatives and the powers at Ottawa and London, by whom action could be taken. Such a bill as this if passed by the parliament of British Columbia would only make the province ridiculous in the eyes of the Dominion and other provinces—the B. C. parliamentarians writing themselves down as ignorant of the scope of their own powers. Indeed the president of the council in bringing forward such a measure had demonstrated that while able to read English and presumably an intelligent man, he had been unable to comprehend the force and effect of Privy Council decisions—otherwise he would have recognized that it was beyond the power of this legislature to pass such a law as proposed, and have it remain on the statute book as an operative law. As for the educational requirement itself, there was no sound reason in sense why a man should not be a good miner although unable too read English. There were indeed plenty of good miners, English born, who unfortunately for themselves and owing to insufficient advantages in youth were unable to read or write their mother tongue. It was most unfair that these, simply because they were so situated as having had no opportunity to secure an education, should be deprived of the right to earn their livelihood by honest labor. It was strange, too, that the very people who were always parading their affection for the workingman, should be the ones to seek to visit upon him this grievous injustice—to shackle him to poverty and helplessness. If the president of the council had brought in a statute to compel everyone to go to school, whether 60 years of age or ten, there might have been some excuse for it—education being a matter under provincial control. The manner of the present act was however very different. The judgement of the highest appellate court in the land had made clear the circumscribed powers of the province in such matters as dealt with by this bill; and if such legislation as now proposed were persisted in there would be no security for the country—if such socialistic, or rather anarchistic, attempts were made to accomplish by indirect means what it had been adjudged the province was unable to do lawfully and directly. Instead of making a mock parliament of the assembly, the honorable, direct, and effective method of meeting this question would be to take prompt and thorough measures to bring the exact facts before the attention of the authorities competent to act, showing them the special conditions here necessitating the desired course. This would be practical—instead of inflaming the minds of the people, setting up an indefensible authority, introducing anarchy of thought—anarchy of purpose. Take the British coal mining laws based upon centuries of experience of all possible conditions in mining and no such educational requirement would be found.

Mr. Neill interjected that there were no Chinese in England or Scotland.

With this Mr. McPhillips agreed. There were in Scotland, however, hundreds, even thousands of Scotchmen who could not read or write English—the Gaelic being the mother tongue. In Wales there were thousands of Welsh miners equally ignorant of English; in Ireland similar conditions prevailed. Reasons of public policy could not therefore be said to demand such legislation. And again were not French Canadians equally entitled to consideration in Canada as the English, Irish, or Scotch Canadians, the Canadians having been the first to take up arms in support of the British flag in this fair Dominion.

Hon. Dr. McKechnie: But there are no French-Canadians in British Columbia.

There are hundreds I am informed, replied Mr. McPhillips—working in the Crow's Nest Pass mines, against whom this act would operate most unfairly. The bill was indeed, both wrong in principle, and condemnatory of the intelligence of the house.

Having considerable new matter to bring forward, Mr. McPhillips at this juncture (it being 4:25 p.m.) asked leave to move the adjournment of the debate.

Hon. Dr. McKechnie refused to permit of this being done, and the junior member for Victoria city continued.

Then Col. Baker suggested an adjournment, he said, with respect to the working of the Crow's Nest Pass mines, and the effect this would have upon them. It was quite probable that this information would come to hand by the next sitting of the house—indeed he had expected it before—and he therefore hoped the matter would not be pressed.

The debate is young yet, said Hon. Mr. Semlin.

Mr. McPhillips, proceeding, held that with a commission appointed to investigate and report upon the conditions prevailing in coal mining, it would be unwise and discourteous to take such drastic action as proposed until their report could be available. He regretted to see while the British armies in South Africa were fighting the great battle, if not of the world, at least of the Anglo-Saxon race, that such legislation should have been introduced in any British parliament at a time when there should be perfect equity of treatment, regardless of educational advantages. In the British army it was never asked of a man as a first qualification if he could read English—and yet the British soldiers were engaged in a most hazardous and dangerous avocation. He looked upon this as a bill known to have no chance of becoming operative in honesty—a mere pro-election farce. If it should pass it would work great injury to a large numer of worthy individuals, injure a great industry, show to the world that the members of the British Columbia legislature have no regard for the decision of the highest tribunal in the Empire, or for the limitations of their own authority, and evidence that the legislation of this province may be expected to always unstable and in review. He concluded by moving the following amendment:

To strike out all the words after "that" and to insert in lieu thereof:

Whereas it is provided in bill No. 14 being "An Act to Amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act" in section 3 thereof, "No owner, agent or manager of a mine shall employ underground or allow to be underground for the purpose of employment in any mine to which the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act' applies, any person who is unable to read the special rules for said mine as printed in English, and to understand the same to the satisfaction of the inspector."

And Whereas in so providing there is an attempt made to establish a statutory prohibition which affects aliens or naturalized subjects, and therefore trenches upon the exclusive authority of the parliament of Canada.

And whereas it has been held by Her Majesty in her privy council that legislation of this character is ultra vires of the provincial legislature and illegal.

And whereas the effect of any such legislation will not be of any beneficial effect in inhibiting the employment of Oriental labor, which is so much deprecated in this province, in that it has been held by Her Majesty in her privy council that the legislature of the Dominion is invested with exclusive authority in all matters which directly concern the rights and privileges and disabilities of the class of Chinamen who are resident in the provinces of Canada.

And whereas any such enactment will be valueless and without the powers of this legislature as respects the employment of Oriental labor or the employment of aliens or naturalized aliens.

And whereas the proposed legislation is an attempt to do indirectly that which cannot be done directly, contrary to a well known principle of law, and further against the decision of the highest tribunal of appeal in the Empire.

And whereas even if such proposed legislation became law the test called for, "read in English and understand the rules," would be as easy of compliance with by many of the Asiatic miners as by many of the miners of other nationality and not result in eliminating Oriental labor from the mines.

And whereas also if any such enactment could have the force of law and be held to be within the power of this legislature it would be most baneful in its effects in that it would result in the dismissal of and the loss of the employment to hundreds of miners in this province thoroughly capable as miners, but who are not able to read English, although in the great majority of such cases it is their mother tongue.

And whereas there are many miners who are French-Canadians who, whilst they may be able to read French, cannot read English.

And whereas there are many other miners British subjects by naturalization, the countries of their birth being Norway, Sweden, Germany, France, Denmark, Belgium, Spain, Portugal and Italy, who may be able to read in their mother tongue although not able to read in English.

And whereas no such legislation as is contemplated to be enacted obtains in Great Britain to-day, the act in force there being the "Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1887."

And whereas in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales thousands of miners employed in the coal mines are not able to read English, it cannot be contended that the legislation is warranted upon any grounds of public policy, but on the other hand, will be legislation hurtful to the best interests of British subjects and white labor, and inimical to the development of industries in this province.

Therefore be it resolved that the provision that persons unable to read in English shall not be employed underground in any mine to which the "Coal Mines Regulation Act" applies and all other provisions in the said bill having relation thereto should not be contained in any bill.

MR. JOSEPH MARTIN, continuing the consideration of the motion for second reading, said that there was much in the bill with which he could heartily concur, especially as he felt it the duty of everyone in British Columbia to utilize every means at command for saving this province from the curse of Oriental labor. As for section 3, the amendment that had been proposed by the President of the Council showed that even the fathers of the measure recognized it was not perfect in this particular. He could not agree with the amendment that had been offered by the junior member for Victoria City, as he did not think a previous judgment of the Privy Council should debar the house from trying in some other and permissible way to accomplish an end admitted to be for the good of British Columbia. On the contrary, as long as the evil existed the legislators of British Columbia were bound to do all in their power to make an end of it, taking chances upon fine points of constitutionality if any hope of success existed. Of course, it would be of no advantage to try to re-enact legislation already disallowed; but the house should go ahead and exhaust every resource presenting itself until the object of such deep concern to the province had been attained. But as for this section 3, it was open to a minor and a major objection. It was proposed to admit as workmen men who should be able to read the special rules in English and understand them to the satisfaction of the inspector. This certainly was vicious legislation—(applause)—deputing this power to one man, the nominee of a government of the day, and to be replaced if necessary by one more subservient to the government's views. This was certainly most dangerous legislation. (Renewed applause.) The house was trying to deal with an evil that might be a permanent evil; and preventive action must be on a permanent basis. Supposing a government existed which thought it in the interests of the public at large that only a small select number should be allowed to be employed in the mines. All that government would have to do would be to say to the inspector that he must exclude everybody who did not come within some narrow definition. And the inspector could do it, because the rule was that a man must "be satisfactory to the inspector." He himself might not be satisfactory to the inspector. Every member of that house could be excluded from employment in a coal mine under section 3 as now drawn; and could get no benefit from any court by appealing from such exclusion, because the clause said that "it must be to the satisfaction of the inspector." Where the legislature delegated any duty to a man in his discretion there was no power of the court to interfere. If the government felt like it, every man in the province, except he belonged to a particular union of men, could be excluded. It might be said that there was no chance of any government being so arbitrary as that, but the legislature had no right to take any chances as to what kind of government the province might have. They knew what kind of governments British Columbia had had in the past. Therefore a proposition of the kind contained in the bill should not receive the support of the people. The major objection was that in order to carry out a principle with which he was in perfect sympathy—to exclude Chinese and Japanese from the coal mines—the legislature proposed to do a great injustice to another large class in the community. That was admitted by the government in presenting the amendment which the President of the Council proposed to move in committee. The government admitted that the legislation as now contained in the bill went too far, otherwise the amendment was not reasonable. That being admitted, let the proposed government amendment be examined to see if it met the objections urged against the clause itself. He submitted that the amendment fell far short of meeting the objection that this clause would exclude a large class of deserving people that the legislature had no intention or desire to exclude. The amendment proposed that the inspector could permit any person who had been employed underground for a year previous to the passing of this bill to remain so employed for another year, upon proving to the satisfaction of the inspector that he understood the dangers of the

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employment in which he was engaged. That did not meet the case at all. He did not see that a man who had been working here twelve months had any stronger case than a man who had been working 6 months. Indeed he felt that a man who had been here a day, who had immigrated to this province and intended to settle here, had just as much title and consideration as a man who had been here twelve months. One might go further and say that it was certainly against the best interests of this province in the future to prohibit a very considerable element from coming into British Columbia, an element that was not in any way objectionable. That was a rule no new country had laid down and it was not in the interests of the country at large. Even with regard to those who had been here twelve months and were allowed twelve more months in which to learn English, he thought that a man of ripe years would not be able to learn English in that time to the satisfaction of the inspector if the latter did his duty at all. That was to say, if the clause was really to have a bona fide existence, very few men who were coal miners, whose general education was not as thorough as it might be, would be able to learn the English language well enough to be able to read the special rule. He was prepared to go along way in order to get around the decisions of the judicial committee of the Privy Council. He had every sympathy with the government in its desire to introduce legislation against the Chinese and Japanese, but he could not think that this was a justifiable effort in that direction. There was little use in legislating in a radical manner if the feeling in favor of such legislation ran close to that against it. He had no doubt at all that the province at large would support the house in any measure that was calculated to keep out if possible, from employment in this province, Chinese and Japanese. But he was satisfied that this particular measure would meet with very strong opposition from those who like himself, were strongly opposed to the Chinese and Japanese. By such legislation he felt satisfied injury would be done by undertaking to do something which would not carry public opinion with it. The house was going too far and was asserting a principle antagonistic to this province. The house should hesitate very much to go on with this before ascertaining first how it would affect the miners at Fernie for example. The president of the Council put this matter forward entirely from the local view, with which he was familiar. He quite agreed with Hon. Dr. McKechnie as to what the effect of Oriental labor would be upon the people of Nanaimo and he was prepared to join with the president of the council in any course that would be effective in preventing any such catastrophe as he spoke of. But there were in the eastern part of the province large coal mines which were being opened up, in which he understood there was a large class that would be affected by this bill. The house should learn, before taking the proposed step, whether this amendment would not have a very serious effect in that part of the province. There should be full and free discussion before any legislation of this character was passed. To strengthen his argument on this point Mr. Martin referred to the eight-hour law. He was just as much in favor of that law now as he was last session. He thought, however, that if the measure had been more fully discussed, the result would have been better. This was a new and very radical proposition and if it should be repealed next session, it would have a very dangerous effect upon the movement for the exclusion of Oriental labor. It was not in the interests of the movement against Oriental labor to take any such chance as the appeal of the enactment next year. Summing up, his objections to the legislation were firstly the arbitrary power, conferred on the inspector, and secondly that the bill was against the best interests of the province, not so far as it sought to exclude Chinese and Japanese, but so far as it excluded the coal miners of other nations. While he was not able to support the amendment of Mr. McPhillips, yet there was still enough in the bill to which he was opposed to make it necessary for him to vote against the measure.

Mr. Booth said he would like to see this amendment in print, and he therefore moved the adjournment of the debate.

Mr. Higgins supported the motion for adjournment. He had prepared an amendment which he thought would prove acceptable to the president of the council. In conversation with that gentleman he had been given to understand that there would not be a night sitting. He found now that the government contemplated sitting in the evening.

Hon. Dr. McKechnie said that he had not, at the time he had spoken to the honorable gentleman, been under the impression that there would be night sitting. However, he had given no pledge that the bill would not be proceeded with in the evening.

Mr. Speaker put the usual question: "Shall the debate be adjourned?"

The government members shouted loudly: "No" while an equally voluble "yes" came from the opposition.

The house divided with this result: For the adjournment, 17; against, 18.

MR. HELMCKEN rose to continue the debate. He confessed that the act of discourtesy that had just been shown to the members of the opposition, by refusing the adjournment of the debate, had a very strong effect on his mind and on the minds of other honorable members. It seemed to him that on a question like this, the fullest possible scope should be given to the debate. When he found that there was an attempt by force to press the opposition out of the discussion of so important an amendment as that brought forward by Mr. McPhillips, he wanted to protest against any such conduct. ("Hear, hear.") Every latitude should be allowed on so important an amendment. The members were entitled to receive consideration in discussing a radical change of this kind, which involved a great deal of thought. He should not be able to curtail his remarks within a few minutes. He did not proposed to do so. He had listened to the very interesting speeches of Messrs. McPhillips and Martin, and while he considered the bill on the whole to be a good one, its object had been somewhat obscured by the inclusion of clause three. Where the safety of life was concerned the house should always be ready to move, and it was said that clause three was introduced with that end in view. Of course the province was placed in an unfortunate position by reason of the judgment of the privy council in the test case of Brydon v. the Union Colliery Company. That decision was perhaps unexpected by some. The act was simply a regulation of labor in the interest of the miner and of the industry, but the decision of the privy council had thrown the country back on its own resources and the object of the present measure was to work around that decision. If there was any way in which the life of the miner could be protected, the house should do all it could; and it was from that point of view that he wished to look at the matter. While considering this it would be well to see if our mining laws could be brought somewhat into line with English legislation on this subject. He quoted from the decision of the privy council to show that the matter of regulating the employment of aliens in the mines was one for the Dominion government to deal with, and the anti-Chinese clause in the old bill was ultra vires. Still the house should grapple with the problem and do its best to remedy the evil. It being a few minutes to six Mr. Helmcken moved the adjournment of the debate, explaining that it was highly necessary for him to secure certain authorities before completing his argument.

"Go on," cried honorable members on the government side.

"I ask to adjourn the debate," said Mr. Helmcken.

Hon. Mr. Cotton shook his head and smiled.

So did the Premier.

Hon. Dr. McKechnie manifested no intention of acquiescing.

There was a self-satisfied smile on the lips of the member for Kamloops, as he swung in his chair, and also shook his head.

Just then, during a brief lull, in which Mr. Helmcken consulted certain authorities, Mr. Prentice entered, he having been paired with Mr. Dunsmuir, and therefore not voting on the passed division.

MR. PRENTICE caught the eye of the Speaker and said that as it had just been learned that Mr. Alexander Dunsmuir had died the previous day in New York, and as the whole Dunsmuir interests were concerned in this bill, it would be both wise and courteous to adjourn the debate until to-morrow. He might also mention that he had just been relieved of his pair with Mr. James Dunsmuir, who had telegraphed to Mr. Turner to that effect. He would therefore ask the member for Victoria Mr. Helmcken to again move the adjournment of the debate, and he would advise the government to consent.

HON. DR. McKECHNIE: "Under the circumstances I consent to the adjournment of the debate."

The adjournment was agreed to.

MR. SPEAKER announced that he had had a request from a representative of the San Francisco Wave to be allowed to take a photo of the chamber with the members in their places.

The house agreed to this being done.

REGARDING JUDGE BOLE.

HON. MR. HENDERSON presented a return of the correspondence passed between the Attorney-General and Judge Bole with respect to the latter sitting at Vancouver as a local judge of the Supreme court.

PATRIOTIC VICTORIA.

MR. HELMCKEN before the house rose directed attention to the matter of the British Columbia contingent, and suggested that there must be some misunderstanding on the part of the Dominion government as to the province's offer. He asked the Premier to lay before the house a copy of the offer made to the Ottawa authorities.

HON. MR. SEMLIN: "It is on the records."

MR. HELMCKEN was aware of that, but he wanted a copy of the offer as sent to Ottawa. Many people in his constituency took a deep interest in the matter. He had just been handed a letter containing a cheque for $35 from the minister and employees of the department of mines. The sum was equal to one day's pay of each member of the staff and was to be subscribed towards the Patriotic Fund of Canada. He read the letter amidst applause as follows:

Department of Mines,
Victoria, Feb. 1, 1900.

H. D. Helmcken, Esq., M.P.P., Member of Committee of Patriotic Fund of Canada, Victoria, B.C.:

Sir: I am requested on behalf of all the civil servants connected with the department of mines at Victoria to say that they beg to be allowed to subscribe towards the Patriotic Fund an amount equal to one day's pay each, and I beg to hand you cheque for the sum of thirty-five dollars and five cents, being the total amount of such joint subscription from the following:

J. Fred Hume, Minister of Mines.
Wm. F. Robertson, Provincial Mineralogist.
Herbert Carmichael, Assayer.
Capt. Richardson, Secretary.
Walter Engelhardt, Clerk.
D. R. Irvine, Draughtsman.
S. Norman, Janitor Mineral Museum.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

(Sd.) WM. F. ROBERTSON,
Provincial Mineralogist.

Mr. Helmcken thought that such a gratifying contribution as that should lend additional interest to this matter. All would like to get some definite information from the Ottawa government with regard to the British Columbia contingent. He was sure that the Premier personally had done all he possibly could towards getting the province's offer accepted.

COLONEL BAKER also read an extract from a letter he had just received from Cranbrook, stating that there were 67 applications from there to join the British Columbia contingent. There were 20 more from Fernie, and altogether his constituency could safely be counted on to furnish 100 of just the right sort of men. (Applause.)

The house rose shortly after six p.m.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Mr. Helmcken—To introduce a bill regulating the employment of labor on works carried on under franchises granted by private acts.

By Mr. Higgins—For a return of all correspondence relating to the enforcement of section 4 of the Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Rounding on Mr. Prentice—The Champerty Bill - Business of Committees.

The Nelson Tribune, a champion of the Semlin government in Hon. J. Fred Hume's constituency, returns to its attack upon Mr. Prentice as follows: "Mr. Prentice, of Lillooet, announces that he is not a turncoat, but that he will be one when it suits his convenience. There is one thing sure; Mr. Prentice has seen his last term in the legislative assembly. He has been a failure as well as a turncoat, and the people cannot stomach both." The offence of Mr. Prentice is that he insists upon preserving his independence, declines to attend the government party caucus, and asserts his right to vote as he believes for the best interest of the province.

Excellent missiles for the punctuation of the debate were laid upon the members' desks yesterday in the form of specimens from the Sunset mine, Copper Mountain, Similkameen. These accompanied and presumably illustrated a neatly printed pamphlet setting forth the needs of Princeton and the Similkameen mining district—chiefly in the nature of a road from Princeton to Hope.

The railway committee held a meeting yesterday morning, when the Rock Bay and Salmon River Railway Company's petition for incorporation was under consideration.

A meeting of the private bills committee to deal with the Western Telephone & Telegraph Company's bill will be held in the Maple room at 10 a.m. to-day.

The Vancouver & Lulu Island Railway bill, the Vancouver & Western Railway bill, and the Chemainus & Northwestern Railway bill are the next measures to receive consideration by the railway committee.

When the struggles of the private bills committee with the Vancouver City charter amendment bill are at an end, the bills of the synod of New Westminster, the Kitimaat-Caledonia Company, the East Kootenay Telephone Company, and the North Kootenay Water, Power & Light Company will be taken up.

The bill to incorporate the Anglican Synod of New Westminster, which is now before the private bills committee of the legislature, may be taken as a preliminary step to the incorporation (probably next session) of a new diocese of Kootenay, extending from the 120 parallel of latitude eastward to the Northwest Territories. Heretofore all this district besides the Coast region has been included in the diocese of Bishop Dart—too large a tract to be conveniently workable. After the passage of this act and until Kootenay diocese is formally organized, the churches in that part of the province will be without an episcopal head.

There is but one section in Mr. Joseph Martin's bill for the legalization of champerty in British Columbia, reading as follows: 1. Notwithstanding any law or usage to the contrary any solicitor or barrister in this province may contract, either under seal or otherwise, with any person or persons or corporations whatsoever, as to the remuneration to be paid for services rendered or to be rendered to any such person, persons or corporation in lieu of or in addition to the costs which by any tariff in force are allowed to the said solicitor or barrister, and the contract entered into may provide that such solicitor or barrister is to receive a portion of the proceeds of the subject matter of the action or suit in which any such solicitor or barrister is or is to be employed, or a portion of the moneys or property with regard to which such solicitor or barrister may be retained, whether an action or suit has been brought for the same or a defence has been entered, and such remuneration may also be in the way of commission or percentage on the amount recovered or defended, or on the value of the property about which any action, suit or transaction is concerned.

MARINE NOTES.

Clearances and Entrances at the Port of Victoria During January.

During January 115 coasting vessels entered and 111 cleared from Victoria. During the same period 79 ocean-going vessels entered and 84 cleared.

The ship Centennial, from Honolulu for Nanaimo, was brought into the quarantine station by the tug Holyoke yesterday.

The Queen City left for the West Coast last night. Among her passengers was Col. Hayes with a party of five.

The steamer Constance left yesterday for Nanaimo, where she will load coal.

When the steamer Victorian was put in the dry dock at Seattle to have a new propeller put in position, it was discovered that about 60 feet of her keel would have to be repaired and replaced.

The steamer Goodwin, bound for Yokohama, which went ashore near the entrance of Tacoma harbor, has been floated. About 2,000 bags of flour were discharged, and two tugs pulled her off at high tide. She was then surveyed, and as no damage was done, she reloaded and proceeded on her voyage.

Thomas Trahey has commenced work on the new pile wharf at Sidney for the mail service to the Islands. It was stated some time ago that a steamer was being constructed at Port Moody for this service.

Capt. Hamilton, a Puget Sound lumberman, leaves for Japan on the Empress. He is going to charter a ship to carry a cargo of lumber to the Orient.

The steamer Saga, which has been lying at Vancouver for a year, has been purchased by an American syndicate for the Cape Nome trade.

Attention is called to the advertisement of the sale of the wrecked steamer Miami to be held on February 13, with her cargo of coal. The Miami was built at Sunderland, by Short Bros., in 1891, and registered as a screw steel steamer of 3,020 tons, 100 A1 Lloyd's.

The agents of the Alpha received a telegram from Seattle yesterday, asking for four staterooms and freight space for 10,000 feet of lumber on her trip to Cape Nome about April 1. Applications for freight and accommodation are still coming in.

Three vessels for the Royal Roads from the Orient are overdue, and the reinsurance on them is quoted at 8 per cent. The Engelhorn is 55 days out from Yokohama; the May Flint is 80 days out from Hongkong for the Sound; and the Silo is 85 days out from the same port for Victoria. The May Flint was formerly the British steamer Persian Monarch, but the engines were taken out of her some years ago and she was converted into a sailing ship.

Don't start on your journey without putting a bottle of Jesse Moore "AA" in your grip.

PERSONAL.

Capt. E. Blondi, Lloyd's surveyor at Port Townsend, came over in the Garland yesterday.

H. F. Cutting and Chas. Todd, of Kansas City, are at the Dominion. Mr. Todd is going up the West Coast to look at some mining property.

Capt. Malcolm McLeod, harbor master, Vancouver, is at the Victoria.

E. J. McIntyre, of Niagara, is at the Dominion.

Capt. R. Williams, of the ship Angerona, which is discharging cargo at San Francisco, is at the Victoria.

A. Williams, ex-M.P.P., G. H. Cowan, Dr. O. Weld, John Hendry and H. J. Thorne, of Vancouver, registered at the Driard last evening.

J. B. McDonald, of Rossland, is a guest at the Driard.

Capt. W. B. Seabury, of San Francisco, and B. H. Seabury, of Tacoma, are at the Driard.

N. Corry, of the San Francisco Wave, is a guest at the Victoria.

L. E. Flint and wife, of Grand Forks, N. D., are spending a vacation at the Victoria.

Capt. Reilly, of the wrecked collier Miami, and T. D. Conway, of Chemainus, are at the Victoria.

A. Inglis, of Plumper Pass, who recently returned from England, is a guest at the Victoria.

THE COST OF EDUCATION.

To the Editor of the Colonist:

Sir: I fully agree with your correspondent Mr. Musgrave as to the importance of the general subject of his letter in this morning's issue, but I venture respectfully to question whether he can sustain the position assumed in the following quotation: "But I would have the higher schools made self-supporting. The fee charged for making them so would be within the reach of almost all who now use them." I do not know of the existence of a system of self-supported higher education in any part of the world, nor do I think it would be possible in Victoria to maintain a High school by the proceeds of a tuition fee.

FRANK H. EATON.

February 1, 1900.

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The Editor of the "Christian Million," under the heading of General Notes, on August 20, 1896, wrote:—

"A good article will stand upon its own merits, and we may rely upon it that nothing will continue long which does not, in a more or less degree, harmonize with the statements which are published concerning it."

Mr. Hall Caine,

Author of "The Deemster," "The Manxman," "The Christian," etc., when speaking on "Criticism," recently, said:—

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Feb. 1.—8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

The barometer is falling along the Californian coast and a low area for the West is approaching Vancouver Island and causing precipitation over the Straits and Sound and on the Washington coast; an interval of unsettled weather may be expected. The thermometer has risen and the weather has been generally cloudy. Snow is falling at Edmonton, but fair weather has prevailed elsewhere throughout the Territories.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	39	48
New Westminster	34	46
Kamloops	22	30
Barkerville	10	34
Calgary	14	40
Winnipeg	—16	0
Portland, Ore.	30	46
San Francisco	44	50

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time), Friday:

Victoria and Vicinity—Winds chiefly from the east; not much change in temperature; unsettled, with rains.

Lower Mainland—Easterly winds; continued unsettled, with rains.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Reports for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and p.m.

THURSDAY, Feb. 1.

	Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m.	40	Mean	43
Noon	44	Highest	48
5 p.m.	45	Lowest	39

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. 5 miles northeast.
Noon. 6 miles north.
5 p.m. 8 miles north.

Average state of weather—Cloudy with showers.

Rain—.02 inch.

Sunshine—18 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed .30.118
Corrected .30.140

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m—Corrected .30.04

PASSENGERS.

By steamer Charmer from Vancouver:

Thos. Purcell.	Miss Clark.
W. S. Stout.	Miss Bothwick.
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R. Henderson.	Mrs. Rahy.
C. A. Schooley.	

By steamer Victorian from the Sound:

Mr. Brewers.	J. E. Dixon.
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"It is a happy fact that Yankees are so quick to invent and so skilled to use machinery of all kinds. Within the next few years there will be tremendous opportunities for civil, mechanical and electrical engineers in Asia. When the Chinese cast the first railway from Shanghai to Woosung into the river they were only preparing themselves for a network of railways over the whole of China. When the Coreans in Seoul destroyed the new electric line and burned the cars, they exhausted the forces of conservatism, and before long concluded that the electric railway was the best scheme for saving extra exertion in walking that had ever been devised. Large portions of South America and South Africa may be undeveloped and possessed of great material resources, but nowhere else does such a combination of human and natural conditions tempt industrial activity as in China. Nowhere else are so many hardworking and temperate men and women, waiting only to be taught, such fertile soil, such splendid rivers and harbors. Were the field small, it would not be so tempting. But China is in area larger than the United States, and has a population four or five times as large. For the last quarter of a century prospectors have been studying the provinces of the interior, and yet our knowledge still seems to be most limited."

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Programme At Ottawa.

Redistribution Again Attempted in Advance of Census Now Close at Hand.

Railway Commission and Arbitration on Campaign Canvas--A Usury Law.

Paying the Canadian Contingent--No Mention of British Columbia Offer.

The following is the text of the speech from the throne, at the opening of the Dominion parliament at Ottawa:

"It is again my pleasing duty to congratulate you on the continued prosperity of the Dominion, and on the remarkable increase in the general volume of the revenue and of the exports and imports of the country.

"Hostilities having unfortunately broken out during the recess between Great Britain and the South African Republic, it appeared to my ministers expedient to anticipate the action of parliament by equipping and forwarding two contingents of volunteers to the seat of war as a practical evidence of the profound devotion and loyalty of the entire people of Canada to the Sovereign and institutions of the British Empire. In this connection it is a matter of pride and gratification to the people of this Dominion that, in addition to the contingents sent by the government, another Canadian force is being despatched at the personal expense of the high commissioner of Canada. This generous and patriotic action upon the part of Lord Strathcona reflects high honor on him and on the Dominion he represents.

"I have been instructed to convey to you Her Majesty's high appreciation of the loyalty and patriotism thus displayed, which has, following the precedence granted under the present tariff to articles of British manufacture, had the happiest effect in cementing and tensifying the cordial relations subsisting between Canada and the Mother Country.

"A bill will be submitted for your approval making provision for the cost of equipping and paying the Canadian contingents.

"The measures which have been taken from time to time to facilitate the safe transportation of food stuffs to European markets have resulted in a large increase in the exportation of several important articles of produce, and it may become necessary, in the interest of this very important branch of industry, to require a more careful inspection than has been customary for the purpose of maintaining that high standard of excellence heretofore secured, and which is absolutely indispensable if the people of Canada are to increase their large and profitable trade with other countries in these commodities.

"I am glad to observe that the returns from the post office department afford good ground for believing that the temporary loss of revenue caused by the great reduction recently made in letter postage will speedily be made good by the increased correspondence consequent thereon.

"Negotiations are now in progress with several of our sister colonies in the West Indies, which, it is hoped, may result in increasing and developing our trade with the islands and possibly with certain portions of the adjacent continent of South America.

"It gives me great pleasure to observe that in pursuance of the policy which was defined at the last session of parliament, a carefully devised body of regulations has been adopted applicable to all railways and public works within the federal jurisdiction, making adequate provision for sanitary protection and medical care of working men.

"The attention of the government has been called to the conflicts which occasionally rise between working men and their employers. While it may not be possible to wholly prevent such difficulties by legislation, my government thinks that many of the disputes might be avoided if better provisions could be made for the friendly intervention of boards of conciliation, the conditions of which, while not legally binding, would have such weight with both sides and be useful in bringing an intelligent public opinion to bear on these complicated subjects. You will be invited to consider whether the provincial legislation in this matter may not be usefully supplemented by an enactment provided for the establishment of a Dominion tribunal for assisting in the settlement of such questions.

"I am happy to observe that the number of settlers who have taken up lands in Manitoba and in the Northwest Territories is larger than in any previous year, and affords conclusive evidence of the success which has attended the efforts of my government to promote immigration, and I have no doubt that the greatly increased production of the West will henceforth add materially to the growth of the trade of the whole Dominion. While the efforts made to secure increased population for the West have thus been successful, much attention has been devoted to the repatriation of Canadians, who, during less prosperous times, have left Canada. You will be pleased to learn that this work has been attended with satisfactory results.

"My government during the recess has been giving its attention to the subject of a railway commission. Valuable information has been, and is still being, collected which, when completed, will be submitted to you and will no doubt receive at your hands the earnest consideration which the importance of the subject requires.

"I am pleased to say that our canal system connecting the great lakes with the Atlantic seaboard has been completed so as to allow vessels having a draught of fourteen feet to pass from the head of Lake Superior to the sea. The vigorous and successful prosecution of these works by my government has already attracted the attention of those interested in Western transportation, and there are good grounds for the hope that when the necessary facilities for the quick and inexpensive handling of ocean traffic are provided, and which are now in progress, Canadian ports will control a much larger share of the traffic of the West.

"Measures will be introduced to renew and amend the existing banking laws; to regulate the rate of interest payable upon judgments recovered in courts of law; to provide for the taking of the next decennial census; for the better arrangement of the electoral districts; to amend the criminal code and the laws relating to other important subjects.

"The public accounts will be laid before you and also the estimates for the coming year, which have been prepared with due regard to economy and the rapid growth of the Dominion.

"I commend to your consideration the subjects I have mentioned, confiding in your patriotism and judgment."

WAR NOTES.

St. Vincent is being made a frequent place of call for British cruisers, and H. M. S. Amphion was despatched there on January 2.

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The steamer Hortensia has just sailed for South Africa with 25,000 bales of hay for the British forces, most of it came from Canada.

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A Boer rebel at Dordrecht being asked by a lady where a safe place might be found, replied: "The sea, madam, is the only safe place for the British."

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The "pont" on the Tugela which was seized by Gen. Buller is a large ferry-boat worked by steel cables, and capable of taking across 100 men at a time and their lighter guns.

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Miss Simpson, daughter of Prof. Simpson of chloroform fame, calls for a new Jenny Geddes to throw a stool at the head of Scotch ministers who preach pro-Boerism from the pulpit.

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A South African paper says that Col. Pagets' khaki coat hung in ribbons round him after the battle of Belmont. Lord Claud Hamilton's only son was saved by a flask in his breast pocket.

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M. Leandre, the caricaturist who played a prominent part in the recent pictorial attacks on the Queen, has been made by the Minister of Public Instruction, a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

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The latest society craze is the collection of interesting items of war news about the officers at the front. These scraps are pasted into books for presentation to the officers on their return.

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Two Abyssinian slaves, Corporal Milks Guys and Driver Gamaches Garter, are serving in the artillery at Ladysmith. They were rescued from a slave dhow in the Red sea in 1889 by H. M. S. Coprez.

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Mr. John Mackie the well known author, who has joined the Imperial Yeomanry, has departed for Africa. He is an ex-officer of the Northwest Canadian Mounted Police, and is one of the best known Australian explorers.

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The Rev. J. W. Cleary, chaplain to the troops at Tuli, was wounded in the feet during a surprise attack made by the Boers. Rather than delay the retreat of the small patrol he insisted on being left behind and was taken prisoner.

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The British soldiers have shewn themselves in all battles which have been fought up to the present under the most adverse circumstances to be the "hearts of oak" of their native songs.—Vossischa Zeitung, Berlin.

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In the house of a traitorous Dutchman near Estcourt, who retired with the Boer army, were found no less than five pianos, of which four had been looted. One of them was taken away by Bethune's Mounted Infantry, who have a nightly concert round it.

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The Eclair, in an article making an unintelligent anticipation of events, says: "The New South African United States will become our national allies. It will then be necessary for us to display unmistakable activity in North Africa, and the question of Egypt will have to be brought forward."

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In the successful attack on Gun Hill, by Major-General Hunter and the Natal Volunteers, it was found that the Boers had a magnificent dug-out room under the ground, fitted up with beds and sofas. They fled in their night-shirts, and looked like a company of baboons scampering down the rocks.

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A telegram from Ottawa to London says that those members of the government who have been interviewed, disfavor the slightest sympathy with the attacks on Great Britain and the United States made in La Semaine Religieuse," which claims to be the organ of the Catholic Archbishop of Quebec.

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A grenadier in a letter home describing the death of a comrade, says: "He gripped my hand with all the strength of a dying man, and said in a voice I could only just catch, 'Good-bye, old man; I'm done for. Tell poor old dad I died in the front. I had begun a letter to him, you finish it.'"

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About fifty Boer prisoners from Belmont were conveyed in open trucks to Capetown under an escort of a dozen Munster Fusiliers. Shortly after leaving DeAar one of the prisoners suddenly threw his guard out of the truck and jumped out after him; but he had hardly reached the ground before eight bullets were in him, causing instant death.

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At Stormberg the men shouted for the general to let them charge again when he gave the order to retire, but he said enough lives had been lost already. A soldier writes, "No one blames General Gatacre for getting into the trap. Everyone is willing to stick to him and go up and have another go at the brutes. They were shelling our ambulance wagon all the way back, but did not do much damage, their shells not bursting. If they had been as good shots and as plucky as people say, there would not have been one of us left to tell the tale. I saw one Maxim gun and about forty men of theirs go up with one shell of ours. They must have lost ten times more than us. If the Boers paid the guide anything to lead us into such a trap it did not do him any good, for the general shot him with his own hand."

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Surgeon C. M. Beadwell, R.N., with Lord Methuen's force, in a description of the battle of Modder, published by the British Medical Journal relates the following exciting incident in connection with the wounding of Lord Methuen: "Our chief was put out of action very early in the day by a bullet wound. I learnt this in a curious manner. On the left of our line I saw a horse bolting riderless; it was evidently an officers' charger, as there was a sword, etc., attached to the saddle. I sent a bugler to catch the horse, and found it had Mauser bullet wound through the near foreleg, and there was blood on the briddle, stirrup and saddle. Drawing the sword one read: 'Methuen, from Chapman.' Fears at once arose that the general was wounded, and so, he was, though luckily the wound was not serious."

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Commissioners Are Named.

Ald. Stewart Appointed to Both the Police and Licensing Boards.

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Official notice is given in the provincial Gazette of the appointment of police and license commissioners for the cities of the province. As predicted in the Colonist the police commissioners for Victoria are Ald. Stewart and Mr. John Piercy, and the license commissioners, Ald. Stewart and Mr. John Lovell. These with the Mayor will form the two boards. The license commissioners appointed by the government are the same as last year, but the police commissioners are different, Ald. Brydon and Mr. R. B. McMicking not having been reappointed. It is understood that Mr. McMicking declined re-appointment. The commissioners for the other cities are:

City of Columbia—E. Leonard Beer, Joseph H. Simard.

City of Cumberland—T. E. Nicoll, John Robertson.

City of Grand Forks—William B. Davey, Hugh B. Cannon.

City of Greenwood—James Sutherland, C. J. McArthur.

City of Kamloops—G. Munro, A. J. Taylor.

City of Kaslo—John D. Moore, E. F. Stephenson.

City of Nanaimo—Charles Barnes, W. Trail Heddle.

City of New Westminster—J. M. McDonald, Arthur Malins.

City of Nelson—William Irvine, J. A. Kirkpatrick.

City of Revelstoke—William Newman, William E. Nettle.

City of Rossland—A. A. McKenzie, W. F. McNeill.

City of Vancouver—F. R. Stewart, Robert Martin.

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City of Revelstoke—Thomas Kirkpatrick, Thompson E. L. Taylor.

City of Rossland—John S. Clute, jr., Hector McPherson.

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The other appointments Gazetted are:

Joseph Kirkpatrick Johnson, of Grand Forks; John Baptist Henderson, of Grand Forks; James Addison, of Grand Forks, to be justices of the peace.

Harry John Painter, of Vancouver; William George Paxton, of Atlin; Henry C. Hanington, of Grand Forks; John David Spence, of Columbia; Edgar Bloomfield, of Vancouver; and Lister Nevile Smith, of Chilliwack, to be notaries public.

Hector Ferguson, of Port Heney, and John R. Wren, of Mission City, to be license commissioners for the Dewdney license district.

Angus Cameron, of Gladstone, and Paul Rochussen, of Cascade, justices of the peace, to hold small debts courts for Cascade and within a radius of ten miles therefrom.

Christian Nordstrom, of Bella Coola, has been appointed a justice of the peace; A. Barlow, of Quesnelle, a stipendiary magistrate, and W. B. Clayton, a notary public.

A. A. Watson, of Vernon, has been granted an assayer's certificate.

COMPANY NOTICES.

The following companies have been incorporated: The Republic Gold Mines of Greenwood, B.C., Limited, non-personal liability, capital $100,000, headquarters at Greenwood; the Copper Creek Consolidated Development Company, Ltd, capital $100,000, headquarters at Kamloops; the Vancouver Printing and Publishing Company, Ltd., capital $100,000, headquarters at Vancouver; the British Columbia and London Trade, Sales, Jobbing and Commission Company, Ltd., capital $50,000, headquarters at Vancuver; the Grey Eagle Gold Mining Company, Ltd., capital $1,500,000, headquarters at Grand Forks; the Casavello Fire Alarms Company, Ltd., capital $50,000, headquarters at Rossland; the Lenora Mount Sicker Copper Mining Company, Ltd., capital $10,000, headquarters at Victoria; the McRae Copper Mines, Ltd., capital $1,500,000, headquarters at Greenwood.

The Lieutenant-Governor has approved of the change of the names of the Union Colliery Cmpany to the Wellington Colliery Company.

The Tariff Mining Company, capital $10,000, of Walla Walla, Wash., has been registered as an extra-provincial company, and the Toronto Type Foundry, Ltd., of Toronto, capital $150,000, has been licensed to carry on business in the province.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The creditors of Harry G. Smith and Martin Dufour, of Grand Forks, will meet at the offices of Hannington & Morrison, barristers-at-law, Grand Forks, on February 7.

The Rossland Water and Light Company have given notice that on March 7, 1900, they intend to apply for the sanction of the Lieutenant-Governor-In-Council for the diversion of 100 miners' inches of water of Little Sheep creek. The proposed points of diversion are approximately 4,000 and 4,380 feet above the sea in the east and west branches respectively.

The South Nanaimo license district has been redefined as follows: All those portions of the South Nanaimo and Nanaimo City electoral districts, excepting Texada Island, and not situated within the limits of any municipality.

The names of Peter E. Wilson and J. T. Black are as now stated, and not as in the British Columbia Gazette of the 18th of January, 1900.

The time for the final revision of the assessment rolls for the East Kootenay, Revelstoke, and Victoria districts has been further extended from the 15th day of January to the 15th day of February, 1900.

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